

THE STORY  
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SOUTHERN COLLEGE



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## F O R E W O R D

THIS BOOK seeks to sum up the activities and services of Southern College during its fifty years of existence. Like all worthwhile institutions, Southern has passed through many perils . . . perils of freeze, fire and flood. So great were the dangers at times that many despaired of its future. The very foundations of the school seemed to be undermined.

But 1935 finds our Alma Mater larger and doing more effective work than at any time during its entire history. With its thousands of alumni and other friends, it will find a larger place for itself in the life of our nation and in the on-going of God's Kingdom.

Southern College and the Florida Methodist Conference are especially indebted to Professor Harris G. Sims for the comprehensive history of Southern which appears between these covers. He is peculiarly fitted to write about Southern. Within its walls, he received part of his education, and here he has served for the past seven years as a successful teacher and writer.

Mr. Lionel Nelson, one of our most outstanding students, and his able staff are to be congratulated on the splendid work found in The Interlachen division of this book.

I am profoundly grateful to all those who have helped to make this Story of Southern College a reality.

LUDD M. SPIVEY, *President*

HISTORY OF  
*Southern College*

BY  
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## THE EARLY YEARS



LIKE MOST INSTITUTIONS of higher learning, Southern College was born of the church. Like many church colleges, it has had a stormy struggle for existence. These adversities seemingly have strengthened its sinews and gradually enlarged its scope of service.

There have been many dark moments, but there have always been friends with sufficient fortitude and faith to carry on against those heavy odds, preserving a small school for a big task.

Whoever reads these pages undoubtedly will be amazed to observe the numerous financial difficulties through which Southern has passed. Many times loyal but discouraged souls have thought they had reached the end, that the closing of the school was inescapable, but something has always happened to avert such a disaster.

It is an inspiring thing to think of the courageous and faithful men and women who have made it possible to continue through these years. They have worked hard, sacrificed much and reaped a generous reward, the reward of seeing many worthy young people educated in a proper environment.

Members of the board of trustees, holding one of their many meetings back in the early years of the institution's history, sat in session throughout one afternoon without finishing their business, and voted to hold a night session. They grappled with their problems throughout the night. When dawn came, they were weary in body, but they doubtless felt new in spirit, because they had not forsaken the college which needed their help.

The trustees seldom have had to go back to their homes and admit defeat. Even when passing problems have gone without solution for the moment, trustees, members of the Florida Methodist Conference and friends of Southern everywhere have evinced a splendid optimism. They have always proceeded with a determination to keep the school open and progressing, despite all odds.

Therefore, as the celebration of Southern's golden anniversary approaches, the people of Florida have cause to be eternally grateful that the past has given the institution so many good friends. Their unswerving support has brought light to many young lives. Their devotion has made possible the sending of balanced young men and women to many communities. The good work these trained personalities have done, and are doing, is of course incalculable.

Although Southern has always been under the control of the Florida Methodist Conference, the scope of work done never has been limited by denominationalism. Through most of the years the school has been free of doctrinal furor and theological quibbling. Certainly it is free of such now,

and has been for many years. People realize more and more that churches have too much evil to oppose to spend their energies fighting one another over matters of secondary importance.

The chief aim at Southern has been to train young people for effective living, right living. Baptist students are welcomed to Southern's campus. So are the Roman Catholic students, the Presbyterian students and all the others. Southern's campus is a democratic campus, a community surprisingly free of class distinction. In brief, Southern is a hearty small college where students are engaged in the common task of seeking the truth, learning how best to live.

Such an institution as Southern now is apparently was in the minds of the men and women who made possible its founding half a century ago. There is no evidence that Southern was selfishly established by Methodists for Methodists. There is abundant evidence that it was established by Methodists for everybody. The faculty members represent several denominations, and this has been the case throughout the history of the school.

Before establishing at Leesburg, Florida, the institution now known as Southern College, Methodists of Florida made several other noteworthy attempts to found their own educational institution, one of the chief purposes of which would be to provide adequate training for young men who wished to enter actively into the ministry.

### TWO EARLY SCHOOLS FOUNDED

The Florida Methodist Conference was organized at Tallahassee, February 6, 1845, and the movement for a conference educational institution began almost immediately. In 1853, the conference members had succeeded in establishing two institutions. One of these, known as Fletcher Institute, was located near Thomasville, Georgia, which was then part of the Florida Conference. The other, known as the East Florida Seminary, was located at Micanopy.

Fletcher Institute was operated with fair success until it was transferred to the South Georgia Conference. This transaction took place at the Live Oak session of the Florida Conference held in December, 1874.

The school at Micanopy was watched with intense enthusiasm by those pioneers who felt that they had begun an institution which would be properly supported. They hoped that friends of means would come to the rescue of this small institution and expand it to greater usefulness. Great interest was manifested by members of the conference, but they had no money and could do little more than serve as messengers with a worthy appeal.



The building was constructed across the road from a well which was part of the Indian village, and the curbstones of this well still may be seen by those who find interest in visiting the landmarks of Florida's history.

Rev. John C. Ley, a member of the Florida Conference, served as principal of the Micanopy project until he was sent to the front as chaplain of the Second Florida Regiment in the Civil War. George Arnau, then a member of the editorial staff of *Cotton States*, also served as principal. These men tried heroically to build up the small institution that had been entrusted to them, but those were perilous and uncertain days of conflict, and the task of obtaining money for the operation of the school was extremely difficult. The people were having to look after their personal safety and try to keep their crops planted and harvested. Under such precarious conditions, the school finally was forced to close its doors. This left the Methodist youth of Florida dependent upon Emory College, at Oxford, Georgia, and Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Georgia, for their higher education. The courses then regarded as studies in higher education were but comparatively short journeys into the field of learning, of course, but they provided a great impetus to interest in the South's uncharted educational program.

Soon after the close of the Civil War, Dr. Josephus Anderson, then one of the most magnanimous members of the Florida Conference, turned his efforts toward the raising of funds for training young ministers. A man of brilliance and influence, he soon had enough money in hand to send three promising young men on their way toward better preparation. But the raising of this money was no easy matter. The conference was small, ministers were receiving but a mere pittance, and the distractions of the Reconstruction Period were at hand.

### THREE YOUNG MINISTERS HELPED

The three young men given assistance by Dr. Anderson were Henry E. Partridge, William H. LaPrade and Thomas W. Smith. All three followed ministerial careers, serving with sincere devotion and distinction. Mr. Partridge served a year as president of Southern College when the institution was at Leesburg. His administration will be discussed later.

Mr. Partridge entered the freshman class at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, in the fall of 1867, and Mr. Smith entered later. Mr. LaPrade attended Emory College. Each received the degree of bachelor of arts. Mr. Partridge, one of the most beloved and respected of Florida's ministers, spent his entire career in Florida, except for five years in Mississippi. He now lives at Orlando and visits Southern at every opportunity. Mr. LaPrade served in the North Georgia Conference, and Mr. Smith in the North Carolina Conference.

In order to provide for the education of its young people on a larger scale, however, the Florida Con-

ference eventually began to take more definite steps toward establishing a permanent fund. At the session held in Quincy in January, 1876, the members adopted a resolution offered by Henry E. Partridge and James P. DePass which provided for a fund to aid in the education of the sons of deceased ministers. The board appointed to handle this fund included Henry E. Partridge, T. W. Moore, James P. DePass, R. Turnbull, C. E. Dowman, B. B. Blackwell, J. Wofford Tucker, J. M. Hendry and C. A. Fulwood. The first beneficiary of this fund was George B. Glover, who attended Emory College and later began the practice of medicine.

The fund eventually was made available only to young men planning to follow the calling of the ministry. William M. McIntosh, the first beneficiary under this arrangement, became an evangelist in the Florida Conference. To perpetuate the fund, the board finally adopted the policy of extending the aid as a loan.

A committee composed of T. W. Moore, J. M. Hendry and T. A. Carruth, submitted a report to the Florida Conference held in Quincy, January, 1876, which read in part as follows: "Notwithstanding we have no church schools within the bounds of our conference, we have not lost our interest in the cause of education. Nor have we forgotten that the school room was, from the beginning of Methodism, regarded as an efficient means of furnishing to the world an intelligent Christianity. . . . While we feel deeply concerned in the success of Emory College as an institution meeting our immediate wants as a male college, we are ready to extend our sympathy, and when we have the ability, our assistance, to those efforts so successfully made in other quarters to furnish to our youth the means of a higher university education."

### TWO HIGH SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED

E. L. T. Blake, in his educational report to the conference held in Tallahassee, December, 1879, lamented the fact that too few private schools were being sponsored by the church, at the same time announcing the establishing of two high schools in which "religious influence, training and principles should hold prominent place." One of these was located at Apopka City, under the principalship of Rev. O. W. Ransom, who had two assistants. Colonel E. C. Morgan was chairman of the board of trustees. The other school was located at Ocala, under the principalship of Rev. M. W. Sands. Rev. Henry E. Partridge was chairman of the board. When the report was made the Apopka City Seminary had one hundred and five students, and the Ocala Seminary had sixty-one.

A school known as the South Florida Institute, later known as the Wesleyan Seminary and as the Wesleyan Institute, was established in Orlando by Florida Methodists in 1883. This new venture was made possible largely through the initiative of Rev. C. A. Fulwood, presiding elder of the Jacksonville district, Rev. C. E. Pelot and Rev. Thurlow

Bishop. A building and lots were acquired, and the following were chosen for membership on the board of trustees: T. W. Moore, F. Pasco, Henry E. Partridge, A. Peeler, R. H. Barnett, Thurlow Bishop, C. A. Saunders, clerical members; and R. M. Dickenson, L. J. Dollins, H. T. Arnold and J. C. Bryson, lay members.

#### ORLANDO SCHOOL OPENED

The school was opened in 1883, with Rev. C. A. Saunders as principal, a lovable character who has made his home at Pompano during recent years. He was born in Manatee County, four miles south of Bradenton, May 31, 1853. He entered the sub-freshman class at Emory College and was graduated with honors in 1876, one year after he had been licensed to preach. Joining the Florida Conference at the Tampa session, November, 1877, he served missions, circuits, stations and two districts. Now retired from active work in the ministry, he is remembered by many friends as an indefatigable worker who took charge of the Orlando school with splendid enthusiasm. There was considerable public interest in the new school, but only scant funds were available.

The work of the school was carried on in a building of four rooms. Inasmuch as there was no public school in Orlando then, the Wesleyan Institute offered public school courses along with its other studies.

The trustees of Wesleyan Institute, through their secretary, Rev. F. Pasco, submitted the following request to the conference which met in Orlando in January, 1886:

"The board of trustees of the Wesleyan Institute, Orlando, Florida, ask of this body permission to sell the present property and purchase more eligible property in order to remove the debt upon the institution, and hereafter proceed upon a cash basis.

"They further ask the conference for permission to ask for propositions from various localities, for the location of the school after being sold, in order that it may be placed upon a larger basis, with the understanding that if the school should be removed from Orlando, the amounts paid by the citizens of Orlando for the present building be refunded to those of them who may desire it."

Permission was granted in accordance with this request, and a committee was appointed to advertise for bids. This committee included Rev. C. A. Saunders, chairman, Rev. Thurlow Bishop and Rev. H. E. Partridge. It was agreed that no bids were to be received after April 1, 1886, and that the community making the highest bid should have negotiable securities on deposit in a designated bank not later than thirty days after announcement that the bid had been accepted.

#### FIRST STEPS AT LEESBURG

The committee met in Leesburg in April, 1886, and voted to locate the college in that community,

the bid amounting to \$12,974.30, which was divided as follows: \$2,466.64 in cash, \$2,607.66 in notes and \$7,800.00 in land and buildings.

Rev. T. W. Moore and R. M. Dickinson were added to the committee, which took immediate steps to prepare the buildings for the opening of school in the fall. Teachers were employed only until the next session of conference.

First clerical trustees for the new institution in Leesburg were Rev. C. A. Saunders, Rev. F. Pasco, Rev. T. W. Moore, Rev. Thurlow Bishop, Rev. R. H. Barnett, Rev. T. W. Tomkies, Rev. H. E. Partridge, Rev. C. E. Pelot and Rev. W. F. Norton. Lay members were George M. Lee, T. J. Lovelace, L. B. Lee, A. E. Phillips, W. J. Barnett, Dr. C. L. Mitchell, J. F. White, C. W. White and George F. Davis. These were elected at a meeting held in Tallahassee on December 16, 1886. The business of the Leesburg institution was attended to by the Orlando trustees until the Tallahassee election was held.

The first meeting of these new trustees was held in Tallahassee on December 18, 1886, immediately after the membership had been confirmed by the conference then in session there. Dr. T. W. Moore was elected chairman and Rev. Thurlow Bishop, secretary.

An executive committee composed of the following was elected: Dr. T. W. Moore, Rev. Thurlow Bishop, Rev. C. A. Saunders, Dr. C. L. Mitchell, L. B. Lee, George M. Lee and T. J. Lovelace.

Rev. F. Pasco was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the trustees, and Rev. F. Pasco and Rev. C. A. Saunders were appointed to draft curricula for the academy and for the college. Rev. R. H. Barnett was elected college agent. His salary was set at \$800 a year, but later was raised to \$1,000. Dr. Mitchell, who was appointed to secure a charter for the institution, served energetically and faithfully in many ways, and, in recognition of his unselfish labors, the trustees voted a perpetual scholarship to him.

L. B. Lee was the first treasurer of the board.

It was voted to call the institution The High School and College of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but this name was too long for the public. The name finally was reduced to The Florida Conference College.

#### EXPANSION BEGUN

Encouraged by the enthusiasm which had been inspired by the new school, the trustees decided to make plans for expansion, and immediately voted "that the executive committee be authorized to build a duplicate of the present boarding house as soon as they are sure that they can raise \$500 in cash from the assets of the board."

The agent was authorized to sell lands already secured to the board in order to provide for the construction of the building.



A report to the conference in December, 1886, showed that the Leesburg school had four teachers and fifty-eight pupils. Land and buildings were valued at \$12,000.

#### HOLLINGSWORTH ELECTED

Joshua Hollingsworth, first official president of The Florida Conference College, was elected by the trustees on June 1, 1887, and he served two years, illness forcing him to resign. He was born near Galloway, a small community in Polk County, Florida, June 13, 1858, a son of S. T. and Sarah Pearce Hollingsworth. He attended public school at Galloway, and later studied under a private instructor at Dade City. He received his college training at Emory College, and was graduated in 1885. He taught a year in a public school in Missouri, after which he began his two-year administration at Leesburg. He died August 11, 1889, at Lithia Springs, Georgia, and was buried at Oxford, Georgia.

Miss Stella Henderson and Miss Nannie B. Gaines were elected assistants to President Hollingsworth, and Miss Fannie Harrington was elected music teacher. President Hollingsworth had complete charge of the boarding department, assuming all financial obligations and paying insurance on the buildings and furniture.

Each student in the academic department was charged a tuition fee of \$45 a year. The fee in the college department was \$50. Fifteen dollars a month was charged for board. Each boarding student was required to furnish one pair of sheets, one pair of pillow cases, two blankets and several towels.

Campus regulations were drafted by a committee of trustees composed of Rev. C. A. Saunders, Rev. T. W. Tomkies and Rev. Thurlow Bishop.

The distinction made between men and women students at that time is interestingly indicated in a provision as set forth in the minutes of the trustees: "The regular course of study for this institution (shall) embrace English, mathematics, sciences, Latin and Greek and one of the modern languages for males, and some for females, with the exception of Greek."

#### COMMENCEMENT PLANS MADE

Plans for commencement exercises were made June 2, 1887, and these were made by the trustees, instead of the president. The program included a sermon on the Sunday morning preceding commencement day—the minister to be selected by the faculty—an afternoon concert of sacred songs under the leadership of the music teacher, and a sermon at night for ministerial students, the speaker to be selected by the faculty.

It was "Ordered that on Monday of commencement week at 9 A. M., there shall be declamations from ten young men or boys selected by the faculty on trial declamations.

"Monday night shall be set apart for a sermon to young ladies by someone selected by the faculty.

"Tuesday morning at 9 A. M., readings by ten young girls selected by faculty on trial readings.

"Tuesday afternoon, awarding of prizes and address by some person selected by faculty, followed by musical concert under direction of the principal of the department.

"Tuesday night, literary address, speaker to be selected by the faculty.

"Wednesday morning at 9 A. M., original essays by six young men and six young ladies, young men to speak, young ladies to read their essays. Essayists to be selected by faculty on highest standings in class."

Free tuition for one year in the college department was voted to the student in the academic department making the highest grades during his final year of preparatory work, and free tuition for the four-year course was voted to young men studying for the ministry. Students in the academic department were not permitted to advance to a higher grade if their department fell below sixty-five, and students in the college department were required to make at least seventy in department in order to advance to another "grade."

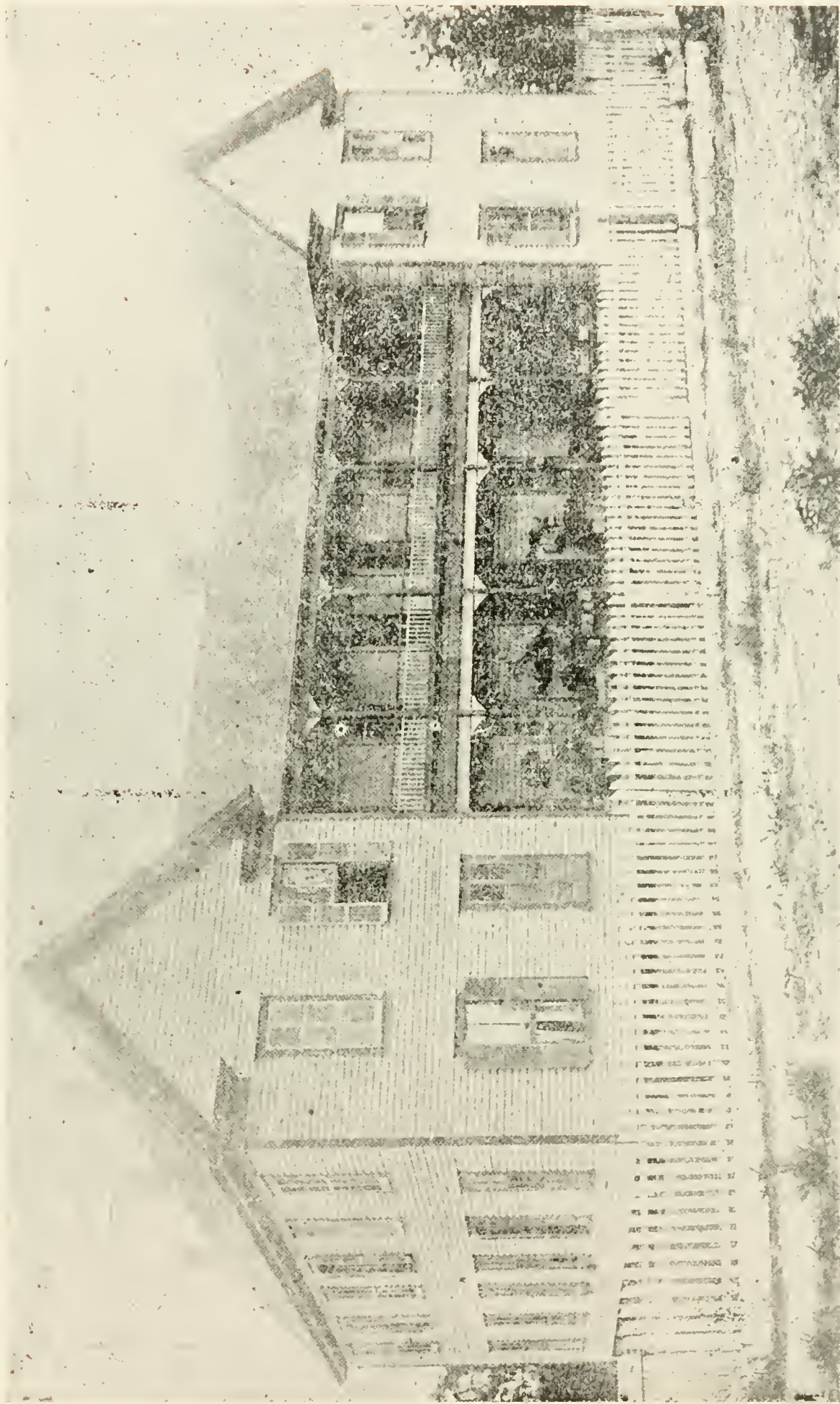
In December, 1887, at the annual Methodist conference held in Leesburg, H. H. Kennedy, chairman of the board of education, reported as follows:

"Our own Florida Conference High School and College, Leesburg, Florida, is yet an infant, and is the child of many prayers and of fond and sanguine hope. It demands special recognition and interest, as designed to meet an imperative demand of our work, affording a golden opportunity for the promotion of Christian education in our state. It has a faculty of four faithful and competent teachers and seventy-five scholars, and its property is estimated to be worth \$13,000. It is well patronized in the community, but only to a limited extent abroad. The prospect was encouraging for the present session until the yellow fever panic came upon us. The time has come when prompt, decisive, effective action must be taken to put it upon its proper footing as a conference college in fact as in name. The Florida Conference cannot afford to have it wear the name without its measuring up to it in its work. The fault is ours. Our preachers and people must realize the situation and take hold of this enterprise. It must be pressed. The active effort of every preacher, and every member and every friend of the church is needed. The present liabilities of the institution amount to \$1,800, and there are assets in notes and land amounting to about \$1,300 (outside of the value of property used) no part of which is available now. There is pressing need of financial aid. Your committee recommend: That a collection be taken during this session of the Conference to meet this need. That the institution be called The Florida Conference College. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. T. W. Moore as agent to travel through the conference





JOSHUA HOLLINGSWORTH  
First President  
At Leesburg



The "COLLEGE HOME"  
When Southern was at Leesburg



territory and urge the claims of the school, securing pupils, and appealing to our friends for the money needed for its establishment on a sound and ample financial basis. We also recommend the appointment of Rev. Pasco as principal of Duval High School in Jacksonville."

On June 4, 1888, the trustees fixed the salaries of the president and teaching staff as follows: President, \$1,200; first assistant, \$675; second assistant, \$500; third assistant, \$400; music teacher, \$600.

Apparently having some difficulty in getting trustees to attend meetings regularly, they resolved that "The members of the board of trustees are expected to be present at each meeting or send a satisfactory excuse. Any member absenting himself unexcused for two successive annual meetings shall be considered as having vacated his position on the board."

#### PRESIDENT HOLLINGSWORTH RESIGNS

President Hollingsworth ended his administration in June, 1888. In appreciation of his splendid efforts, the trustees adopted the following resolution: "In severing our relations with Professor Hollingsworth as president of The Florida Conference College, the board of trustees desire to express their appreciation of his management of the affairs of the institution. To his untiring efforts much of the present prosperity and its bright prospects for the future are due, and we part from him with hopes that with restored health he may find a field of labor commensurate with his abilities, and that great success may attend him wherever he may go."

President Hollingsworth was succeeded by W. W. Seals, who served one year. Those who labored with him have recalled the difficult financial problems with which he had to deal. Money had been contributed with enthusiasm during those first months that the school operated at Leesburg, but the task of advancing the interests of the institution soon settled for the most part upon President Seals and the trustees. President Seals served with devotion, and was disappointed that sufficient funds for more buildings and better equipment were not forthcoming. He was especially eager to raise the academic standard of the school to the point where it would attract many students who were going outside the state for their education. His report to the annual conference was made on January 9, 1889, at Bartow. The institution then had an indebtedness of \$1,606.45.

#### DR. MOORE ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dr. Theophilus Wilson Moore, who was elected president on June 21, 1889, served two years, making many friends for the school and increasing its prestige among the people of Florida.

Dr. Moore was born at Mount Tirza, North Carolina, in 1832, a son of Dr. Portius Moore, and a grandson of Colonel Stephen Moore of the Army of the Revolution. He was graduated from the

University of North Carolina in 1852. In the same year, he married Mary Ann Smith and went to California as a missionary. At the end of two years, he returned to North Carolina, where they remained until the outbreak of the Civil War. He offered his services to the Army of the Confederacy and was made a chaplain in the Carolina regiment. Soon after the close of the war, he moved to Florida, in order that he might accept an appointment in the Florida Conference. After serving at Tallahassee and Lake City, he was made presiding elder of the Jacksonville district in 1874.

While living in Jacksonville, he developed a 100-acre orange grove twenty miles south of the city, on the St. Johns River. In 1881 he wrote and published a book on orange culture, which was regarded as a standard work on this subject for perhaps thirty years. He was sent to Monticello in 1882 to serve as a pastor, and remained there two years. It was at this time that he was elected to membership on the board of trustees of what was then known as Emory College, in Georgia. His work with the Georgia institution caused him to become interested in higher education in Florida. He was among the first to take active steps for establishing the college at Leesburg, and was a member of the first board of trustees. The honorary degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Emory College.

His Florida appointments also included Sanford, Bartow, Fort Pierce, West Palm Beach and Quincy. While serving in Lake City a second time, he wrote a book entitled "Revelation," which was published several years later. In 1892 a patent was granted to him for a flying machine. He worked upon this several years, but the gasoline engine had not then been perfected, and he was forced to let the machine go unfinished for lack of motor power. He later obtained patents on a rotary steam engine.

While living in Sanford, Dr. Moore persuaded the town council to run water from several artesian wells through tiling laid a foot beneath the surface of the main street. This made possible a cool and firmly-packed street, even in the warmest weather. Several years later, truck farmers adopted this method for irrigation and drainage.

Dr. Moore's first wife died while they were living in Leesburg in 1891. They had two sons, T. V. Moore, who was born in 1857 and died in 1927, and E. T. Moore, who was born in 1874 and is now living in Miami.

Several years after the death of his first wife, Dr. Moore married Mattie P. West, of Quincy, Florida, who died in 1911 in California. He spent the last few months of his life in the home of his eldest son, T. V. Moore, dying in 1908. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow and a member of the American Pomological Society.

C. E. Pelot was elected chairman of the board of trustees on January 10, 1889. Other officers chosen





THEOPHILUS WILSON MOORE  
President 1889-91

were Dr. J. Anderson, vice-chairman; T. J. Lovelace, secretary, and Charles W. White, treasurer.

A committee of trustees appointed to present a plan for discipline in the college, reported June 2, 1890, as follows:

"(1) The system of demerits shall be carried out as the plan of college government, except in the primary department. (2) The president shall award demerits according to his judgment. (3) When the number of demerits shall justify suspension, the case shall be acted upon by the faculty, who may suspend the student for such time as they may agree upon. (4) When the gravity of the offense shall be such as to require trial for expulsion, the case shall be laid before the faculty and the local board of trustees, who shall have power to expel if that is deemed best."

Dr. Moore was re-elected for his second term as president on June 2, 1890. Besides administrative duties, his work included the teaching of mental, moral and natural science. Rev. F. A. Taylor was appointed professor of mathematics and the ancient language courses were assigned to Professor E. G. Chandler.

#### FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

The graduating class of 1890, the first in the institution's history, included Miss Addie W. Abney, Miss Henrietta Abney, Miss Hannah W. Hopson, Mrs. J. A. Hendry, Miss Linnie E. Sessions, Mrs. G. C. Warner and Mrs. E. K. Whidden. Mrs. Warner was graduated with first honors. Second honors were won by Miss Addie W. Abney and Miss Henrietta Abney.

Members of the class of 1891 were Mrs. J. G. Stewart, who won first honors, Miss S. Annie Lee, who won second honors, and Rev. William Clarence Norton.

Only two students were graduated in 1892. They were Rev. Josephus P. Durrance and Rev. Harry W. Penney.

The roll of the preparatory department for 1891-1892 included Loulie Barnett, Doak Barnett, Gretchen Bartlett, Lily Cochran, Ruby Geiger, Edmonia Hopson, Preston Hopson, Gordon Hopson, Bertie Lee, Maggie Lee, Fannie Lee, George McKee, John Noble, Edward Partridge, Grace Partridge, Mortie Partridge, Joe Randolph, Harry Steinmeyer, Maud Steinmeyer, Carrie Watts and George Miller.

Students listed as sub-freshmen were W. A. Abney, W. J. Alsobrook, Gertrude Alsobrook, Fred Barnett, Lela Barnes, John C. Bridges, Sallie Bell Bridges, Joe Curry, Willie Cox, Annie Collins, Jesus Castellanos, L. R. Douglas, Lora Dunklin, Bessie Easterlin, Julia Fussell, William J. Gautier, Nina Geiger, Annice Geiger, W. A. Green, Louise Harrison, George J. Hall, James Hopson, James Hooks, Lewis Holloway, Edgar Holloway, Nellie Hubbard, Willie Ivey, Walter Janes, Minnie Jones, Louise Joughin, May Kelly, Belle I. Kirk, Paul

Lowe, Bessie Lindsay, Evander Lee, Hope Leitner, Clarence Love, Maggie Lawler, John Miller, Charlie Miller, G. W. Martin, W. W. Martin, J. M. Mitchell, Owen M. Newbold, Marvin Newbold, Annie Norton, T. J. Pyles, Minnie Pyles, J. W. Payne, Philip Rodregues, A. J. Russ, James W. Smith, R. L. Sumner, Elwyn W. Smith, D. B. Smith, Jr., Leon Steinmeyer, Annie Taylor, Willie Tasker, Frank A. Taylor, C. W. White, J. R. Walker, W. Gussie Vaughn, Genevieve Venable and A. Willie Williams.

Students in the collegiate department were Sadie M. Abney, W. J. Anderson, Charles L. Albright, Lillie M. Badger, Fannie V. Badger, Ira Barnett, W. R. Bartlett, Drusie Bedford, Alice C. Collins, Bartley Corley, W. A. Cunningham, Arthur C. Cobb, D. R. Crum, A. H. Cole, Mary Collins, Joseph Durrance, Allie Dell, Erin Dunklin, Estelle Dyches, Winifred Edwards, Jennie Fogg, Phil Z. Fretwell, Willie E. Giles, Nellie M. Hall, Lucien Hubbard, Nene Dee Herndon, E. W. J. Hardee, Mortie Harrison, Belle Hicks, Mamie Janes, Fred Kramer, George A. Kirk, Florence Lee, Avie B. Lawler, Julia K. Lee, Robert E. Lee, Samuel S. Lamb, Minnie A. Lord, B. C. Lawler, Carrie J. Leavel, Annie J. Lummus, Gene A. Leitner, John McKee, T. J. Mitchell, Willie McLean, Annie E. Monroe, Daisy Moore, W. F. Norton, James H. Owen, H. W. Penney, Ethel B. Partridge, Beulah C. Pelot, Fannie E. Partridge, Joseph T. Pendleton, James M. Platt, Pierce G. Penney, John E. Peper, Philip Barker, E. T. Russ, Lillie M. Randolph, Louise Richardson, Minna C. Steinmeyer, Bessie W. Sessions, Loula M. Steinmeyer, Minnie D. Stimson, Mary E. Shettleworth, LaGrand K. Smith, R. E. Stivender, Maud Snell, Mary V. Taylor, Tillie H. Tichenor, Fannie Vaughn, Loutie M. Vincent and Annie L. Walker.

The class in theology included Joseph P. Durrance, Phil Z. Fretwell, E. W. J. Hardee, T. J. Mitchell, J. M. Mitchell, James H. Owens, H. W. Penney, D. B. Smith, Jr., R. L. Sumner, J. R. Walker and Charles W. White.

#### MORE STUDENTS ENROLLED

"The Florida Conference College seems to have entered upon a new era of prosperity, having enrolled this season a larger number of students than at any period in its history," said John M. Pike, chairman of the board of education, in his report to the conference held at Monticello in January, 1891. "Up to the present, 150 students are under tuition, receiving the instruction of seven competent teachers. A large class of young men are studying for the ministry, and one has applied for admission to the conference. A new building has been erected during the past year costing \$1,200, and the only debt now remaining on the college is \$400 on this new building. Unpaid subscriptions amounting to \$1,200 are now due, the payment of which would give greatly needed help."





SOUTHERN'S FIRST GRADUATES (Class of 1890)

Left to Right: Henrietta Abney, Lennie Sessions, Hannah Hopson, Beulah Milam (Warner), Addie Abney (Bardwell),  
Sallie Fussell (Hendry), and Stella Norton (Whidden)



Mention was made of the fact that \$450 was the maximum salary that had been paid to professors, and Chairman Pike urged that salaries be increased as soon as additional funds were available. Again the trustees turned to pastors for an offering in their churches.

Clerical members of the board of trustees in January, 1891, were T. W. Moore, R. H. Barnett, H. E. Partridge, W. F. Norton, J. Anderson, R. L. Honiker, W. M. Poage, J. B. Anderson, W. H. Steinmeyer, T. J. Nixon and J. F. Marshall. Lay members were G. M. Lee, T. J. Lovelace, L. B. Lee, J. F. White, C. W. White, C. T. Arnold, W. Himes, J. Wofford Tucker, J. J. Combs, J. C. Cooper, W. B. Henderson and R. McConathy.

Poor health forced Professor Chandler to give up his Latin and Greek classes in March, 1891, and, in recognition of his faithful service, the trustees elected him emeritus professor. Professor Chandler's work was taken over by a member of the board of trustees, Rev. H. E. Partridge, then pastor at Leesburg, who was to be the next president of the college.

#### PRESIDENT PARTRIDGE TAKES CHARGE

Professor Partridge became President Partridge by action of the trustees May 23, 1891. He took active charge of the college the following month. The choice was not a surprise to those who had watched his progress through his years as a student and later as a member of the Florida Conference. A studious, affable man of impressive dignity, he was known as one of the most capable pastors in the conference. He was forty-one years old when he was elected to the presidency of the college, and his endowments were such as to make him a distinguished leader both intellectually and spiritually.

President Partridge was born near Lake Mico-suki, in Jefferson County, Florida, April 5, 1850, a son of Rev. John L. and Eliza L. Partridge. Circumstances which made it possible for him to enroll as a student at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, have been mentioned earlier in this history. He was graduated in June, 1871, with the degree of bachelor of arts, and returned a few years later for the degree of master of arts.

He was granted a license to preach October 6, 1870, by the Spartanburg Quarterly Conference. He was recommended for admission on trial in the Florida Conference by the Monticello Quarterly Conference, and admitted on trial at Madison on January 3, 1872. His first appointment after that event was the Quincy station. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop E. M. Marvin, at Fernandina, January 12, 1873, and Bishop G. F. Pierce ordained him an elder at Jacksonville in January, 1874. His ordination as a deacon came at the end of the first year and the ordination as an elder after the second year, upon passing approved examinations on the four-year course of study then specified by the Methodist Discipline.

President Partridge's conference appointments follow: Quincy Station, 1872; St. Johns River Mission, 1873; Quincy Circuit, 1874; Lake City Station, 1875-76; Sparks Chapel, Key West, 1877; Micanopy Circuit, 1878; Ocala Circuit, 1879; Ocala Station, 1880-81; Gainesville District, 1882-83-84; St. Paul's, Jacksonville, 1885; Tampa District, 1886; Tallahassee Station, 1887-90; Leesburg Station, 1891 (six months); President of Florida Conference College, 1891-92; Supply, Natchez Station, three months; transferred to Mississippi Conference, 1892; Seashore District, 1893-94; Morton Circuit, 1895; Waynesboro Station and Circuit, 1896-97; transferred to Florida Conference, 1898; Bartow Station, 1898-1900; Jasper Circuit, 1901; Orlando Station, 1902; Monticello Station, 1903-05; Fernandina Station, 1906; Bradenton Station, 1907-08; Brooksville Station, 1909; South Jacksonville, 1910; Hastings Circuit, 1911-12; Kingston and Port Orange, 1913-14; Citra, 1915-16-17; Elfers Circuit, 1918-19; Coleman Station, 1920-21; Bunnell Station, 1922-23-24; Sutherland, 1925-26; superannuated, June, 1926; two and one-half years of supply work.

Miss Sarah A. Neilson, of Barnwell, South Carolina, was married to President Partridge on October 29, 1873. She died on September 8, 1925. Their children are Mrs. Ethel B. Hudson, Frances H. Partridge, Henry Edward Partridge, Jr., Mrs. Grace Richmond Partridge, Mrs. Mortimer Johnson, Mrs. Mary Louise Starbuck, Paul W. Partridge and John N. Partridge.

#### FACULTY CHOSEN

After electing President Partridge on the morning of May 23, 1891, members of the board of trustees held an afternoon session, at which they voted to pay him a salary of \$1,200 a year, in addition to traveling expenses. They chose a faculty which included Rev. F. A. Taylor, Rev. T. Griffith, Miss Fannie E. Harrington, Miss Mary Ivey and Miss Lizzie Caruthers.

In appreciation of the good work done by Dr. Moore, retiring president, the trustees adopted a resolution which said that "This board parts with deep regret with Dr. T. W. Moore, who has served us with such signal fidelity, devotion and sacrifice, and we desire to put upon record our sincere regards and gratitude."

Taking official notice of the recent death of Rev. C. E. Pelot, they resolved as follows: "Whereas, God in His Providence has removed from our midst Rev. C. E. Pelot, late president of the board of trustees; therefore, be it resolved by this board that in the death of Brother Pelot, we have lost a very valuable member of the board of trustees of The Florida Conference College."

The honorary degree of doctor of divinity was voted to Rev. C. E. Dowman, of the South Georgia Conference, who had been invited to deliver the commencement sermon. J. C. Sale delivered the graduating address.



HENRY EDWARD PARTRIDGE  
President 1891-92



Action in the interest of a building program was taken by the trustees on June 16, 1891, when they voted to sell the institution's brick building and a 150-foot lot to the local school trustees for \$4,000, in order to erect a larger and more convenient building on the other land owned by the college.

#### APPEAL TO CONFERENCE

President Partridge, in his report to the conference held in Tampa in January, 1892, said:

"The present advanced position of the institution and the bright promise of the future are causes of gratitude. But let the church and the conference remember that our work has just fairly begun, and the necessities of the school are greater than ever before. The old school building has been sold with a view to the erection of a larger and better building. We are using the large rooms of our boarding house for recitation rooms. We have no room for calisthenics, very inadequate and unsuitable room for assembly purposes, and are crowded in our class rooms. We cannot do the work we are qualified to do, nor exercise the discipline needed, situated in cramped quarters as we are. We are trying to do good work on inadequate supplies—making brick without straw. We need apparatus and additional appliances for our work. We must have during this year a new college building. Inquiries come from all sides, 'When will you build?' To be unable to answer this question is hurting us. Efforts are made to take away our students and superior facilities of other institutions urged. We have lost some students by lack of proper opportunities. With a faculty duly prepared to teach, with moral influences unsurpassed, with health record excellent, with the eyes of the people turned to us, with children coming to us and ready to be sent, what shall we say the 125 Methodist preachers and 20,000 Methodist people are going to do. Shall we send our boys and girls to other states to be educated? Or shall we turn them over to our brethren of other denominations? Or shall we turn them over to the tender mercies of secular schools, where God is not known and where too often Methodism is despised? Or shall we rise up and build? Brethren, now is the time to act."

Minutes of the meeting held by the trustees June 3, 1892, mention, "The bequest of the late Mrs. Griffin, of Orange County," which was made on condition that "instruction should be provided for the female students in the practical work of the home and its culinary department."

It was at this meeting also that the trustees found it necessary to employ the teaching staff with the understanding that salaries would be paid from cash actually received from students. If such revenue were insufficient to pay salaries in full, the college would not be responsible for the deficit, the resolution provided. The trustees were forced to take this action because "an unexpected financial depression has come upon our

people." Salaries were to be paid on the basis of \$1,000 a year for the president and \$700 a year for each teacher in the literary department.

On June 6, 1892, after President Partridge's administration had come to a close, the trustees adopted a resolution which provided "that in the close of this collegiate year the members of the board of trustees of The Florida Conference College officially record and express appreciation of the services of Rev. H. E. Partridge, late president of the institution, under the difficulties and disadvantages which have beset his way, and cordially tender him their kind regards and best wishes for success in the future as a competent teacher of the department taught by him."

#### DR. MELTON BEGINS TERM

Dr. Wightman Fletcher Melton, at the age of twenty-four, succeeded President Partridge. He was elected on June 4, 1892, and served three years, until the freeze of 1895. A son of Isaac Quimby Melton and Fannie Lou Ellis Melton, he was born at Ripley, Tennessee, September 26, 1867. He married Miss Oliver Keller, of Lake Providence, Louisiana, September 19, 1889. Their children are Oliver Quimby Melton, Mrs. Emily McNelly and Keller Fletcher Melton.

Besides being distinguished as an educator, Dr. Melton is widely known as a literary scholar, editorial writer and author of books and poems. After graduation from Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1889, he attended Blount College, Blountsville, Alabama, to receive the degree of bachelor of arts in 1890. He has two doctor of philosophy degrees, the first received from State Normal College, Troy, Alabama, in 1894, the second from Johns Hopkins University in 1906. Upon completing his three-year term as president of The Florida Conference College, he was made vice-president of the Nashville (Tenn.) College for Young Ladies, serving until 1897, when he began a six-year term as president of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Female College. He was head of the department of English at Baltimore City College from 1906 to 1908, and professor of English language and literature at Emory University from 1908 to 1924. Since then, he has served as an editorial writer for *The Atlanta Georgian* and *The Griffin News*. He inaugurated the teaching of journalism in Georgia.

He was mayor of Oxford, Georgia, from 1912 to 1918, and served six months as associate field director of the American Red Cross at Fort McPherson and Camp Jesup. He is a member of the Atlanta Writers' Club, the Burns Club of Atlanta, and Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He is the author of "The Preacher's Son" (1894), "The Rhetoric of John Donne's Verse" (1903), and a book of poems, "Chimes of Oglethorpe" (1933). He edited "Ruskin's Crown of Wild Olive" and "Queen of the Air" in 1908. During recent years he has become



increasingly famous throughout the South as editor of *Bozart* and *Contemporary Verse* and a bi-monthly poetry magazine known as *Versecraft*. He delivered a commencement address at Southern a few years ago.

Discussing his three years as president of The Florida Conference College, Dr. Melton said recently: "I spent a good part of my three years in Leesburg trying to look old. I have spent many years since, trying to look young again."

Despite the fact that he was extremely young to be at the head of a college, he performed his task with great credit, strengthening the curriculum, engaging qualified teachers for his faculty and doing numerous other things to advance the academic interests of the institution. He stressed the importance of true scholarship and insisted that his students make intellectual application a habit.

#### ELEVEN NAMED ON FACULTY

Besides President Melton, who taught mental and moral philosophy and Biblical literature, the faculty for 1892-1893 included Rev. F. A. Taylor, Latin, Greek, and mathematics; Rev. Thomas Griffith, natural science, modern languages and commercial courses; Miss M. Bess Woods, English literature and mathematics; Miss Lillian O. Ridenhour, geography, history and physical culture; Mrs. S. E. Vaughan, primary department; Miss F. E. Harrington, piano; Miss Lucy Moore, voice; Miss Annie Vaughan, art; Dr. W. J. Walker, manager of the young ladies' boarding hall; Mrs. Walker, matron, T. B. Lawler, manager of the young men's dormitory; and Mrs. Lawler, matron.

President Melton's courses included ethics, psychology, political economy and logic. The catalogue stated that "in ethics we deal with true philosophy, and abhor everything at variance with the Bible."

Latin students were offered grammar, Caesar and Virgil during the freshman year; Cicero and Horace during the sophomore year; and Livy and Tacitus during the junior year. The freshman course in Greek included grammar and first lessons in Greek and the history of Greece. The sophomore course included Xenophon's *Anabasis* and selections from the New Testament. The juniors studied Homer's *Illiad* and Grecian history and literature.

Mathematics courses were offered as follows: First year, higher arithmetic and higher algebra; second year, plane and solid geometry and plane and spherical trigonometry; third year, analytical geometry and calculus; fourth year, mechanics and astronomy.

The academic organization included a preparatory department, a sub-freshman department and a collegiate department. Elocution, penmanship and class singing were among the extra courses taught.

Students manifested great interest in their literary societies from the early days of the school until

the fall of 1925, when sororities and fraternities were organized. They were punctual in attending the weekly meetings of these societies, and most of the members made a conscientious effort to do good work whenever they were placed on the programs, which usually included orations, declamations, debates, readings, and, frequently, music or other special entertainment.

#### NEW LITERARY SOCIETIES

Until 1891, there was the Phi Alpha Society for men students and the Calliopean Society for women students. Membership in Phi Alpha increased so rapidly that a decision was reached to divide it into two societies. The new organizations were formed October 30, 1891. One was known as the Philomathean Society, the other as the Phi Sigma Society.

Charter members of the Philomathean Society were H. W. Penney, J. P. Durrance, J. R. Walker, T. J. Mitchell, J. H. Owens, J. M. Mitchell, Joe Pendleton, G. P. Penney, J. E. Peper, A. C. Cobb and J. H. Curry.

The following were charter members of Phi Sigma: E. W. J. Hardee, W. C. Norton, J. N. Platt, P. Z. Fretwell, C. W. White, Charles Albright, J. W. Payne, L. K. Smith, J. S. Hopson, R. L. Sumner and R. E. Lee.

These two societies continued as separate organizations until February 5, 1892, when they merged under the name of Phi Sigma. The Philomathean group was organized again later, however.

Three dollars a week was charged for board in 1892-1893. A tuition fee of \$11.25 for nine weeks was charged in the collegiate department, \$8 in the sub-freshman department and \$4.25 in the preparatory department. Children of traveling preachers and men students preparing for the ministry were not required to pay a tuition fee in the literary department.

Regarding physical culture, the catalogue said: "The president is a graduate of the Ewing Gymnasium, in connection with the Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, and will give the young men such class and special exercises as will afford health and development. One of the lady teachers will assist the president in giving the young ladies such calisthenic drills as will be most advantageous. When the weather is inclement, the pupils will be drilled in one of the large rooms of the college building until a gymnasium can be furnished."

Borrowing or lending of jewelry, clothing and other similar articles was forbidden.

The catalogue sets forth interestingly the requirements in regard to dress:

"For the young ladies—To promote economy in dress as well as to prevent unseemly rivalry and extravagance, the young lady pupils, both boarders and day pupils, will be required to wear a uniform when they go without the limits of the college on public occasions. For fall and winter, the dress

will be plain black Henrietta or Cashmere cloth, with no trimmings, wrappings and hat the same shade of the dress. For spring and summer, white lawn waist and black skirt. To secure uniformity in shape and color, the hats should be purchased in Leesburg. Gingham, calico, or anything worn at home, is suitable for every-day wear. The graduating class may wear plain white dresses during commencement.

"For the young men—When they go without the limits of the college on public occasions, they shall wear a uniform of navy blue coat and vest, and gray pants with black stripe. Cap to match. These suits can be secured in Leesburg at a reasonable cost. Until November 1, pupils may wear such Sunday suits as they already have. Ministers will not be required to wear uniforms."

#### SPECIAL RULES STATED

Special rules for boarding students were stated as follows:

"Each student must bring a Bible, with good, clear print. Each student must attend chapel each morning, Sabbath school every Sabbath, and church at least once each Sabbath. Each student must promptly obey rising, prayer, study, retiring and school bells. Students are expected to observe neatness in personal appearance and in the care of their rooms, in the school room, in their boarding house, and on the street. Students must be prompt in the discharge of duty; respectful to those who have authority over them; and polite to everyone. Students are expected to be present at all college duties, and to be prepared to recite when called upon. Students must not contract debts, and the president suggests that the teachers set the example of doing a strictly cash business. In addition to the foregoing, there will be such other restrictions as may be found necessary. We do not like to make straw men for the children to throw at."

Special rules for teachers were stated as follows:

"The teachers of The Florida Conference College are expected to be prompt, faithful and zealous in the discharge of all their duties. To be punctual and present at all exercises, whether business, school room or religious. To teach all the pupils good morals and gentle manners. To report to the president all damage done to the college property. To make their recitation rooms attractive and to see that good order is observed in them. To hear complaints in a good spirit. To preserve harmony among themselves. Not to attend theatres; not to attend shows of any kind, unless approved by the president."

It was pointed out that neither the president nor any of his eight professors used tobacco in any form and students were requested to abstain from using it at the college or on the college grounds.

The schedule of demerits included such offenses as absence from college duty, tardiness, failure in a recitation, disorder, absence from room during

study hour, neglect of room or untidiness, being on streets after dark without proper attendants, communicating by writing or otherwise with students of opposite sex during college hours, leaving town without permission of the president, using tobacco during college hours, marking or defacing walls, card-playing or visiting pool room or any place of amusement forbidden by faculty and grossly immoral conduct.

Telegraphy was one of the courses offered in the commercial department. Other courses were bookkeeping, business practice, commercial law, business correspondence, commercial arithmetic, stenography and typewriting and penmanship. There was a charge of \$8 a quarter for bookkeeping, \$5 for stenography and typewriting, and \$4 for telegraphy.

Parents were urged to write encouraging letters to their children. They were further requested to refrain from sending edibles, except at Christmas. It was pointed out that boxes of food caused students to eat too much and become ill. "If you cannot come with your children or wards," parents were told, "put them on the cars, notify the president of the college, and they will be met at the depot."

#### FIRST CAMPUS PAPER APPEARS

The diary of James H. Owen, a student at Leesburg four years, shows that the first issue of *College Thought*, campus paper, was published November 10, 1893, with J. N. Platt as editor and T. J. Mitchell as associate editor. Mr. Owen was graduated from the Leesburg institution in 1894, and is now living at Daytona Beach. By referring to numerous interesting details in his diary, he has contributed valuable information for use in this history of those early days.

Meeting at Ocala on January 4, 1893, members of the college board of trustees voted to request an assessment of \$2,000 on the Methodist Conference then in annual session in that city. The request, included in a report from the board of education, was presented by T. W. Moore, chairman, who said: "The Florida Conference College is solely the property of the Florida Conference, and dependent upon our patronage and liberality for support. Young as it is, its enrollment, during the scholastic year of 1891-92, reached half that of the best patronized of either of our other institutions. During the past two years, two important and much needed buildings, for dormitory and recitation rooms, have been added. These have necessitated a debt of \$5,000 to be provided for. There is about that amount due from pledges, bonds and enough to liquidate all indebtedness if collected. Thirty-three pupils, ten young men studying for the ministry and twenty-three children of preachers are beneficiaries, and are getting free tuition. It is nothing but just that the Florida Conference should assist in the support of a faculty, who are so generously contributing to the betterment of our families and our Conference."



"The trustees of The Florida Conference College instruct us to ask your body an assessment of \$2,000 for the cause of education, said amount to be assessed in the ratio of the distribution of the domestic mission collection, twenty-five per cent of the amount so raised to be handed over to the board of education for young men studying for the ministry, and the balance of the money so raised to be turned over to the trustees of The Florida Conference College."

The original board of trustees of the college appointed a committee to have the institution chartered under the general law of incorporation. That committee took steps in that direction, but failed to complete the process. Their failure to do so was not discovered until 1892, when it was voted to apply to the legislature at its next session for a charter. The charter was duly granted, and the trustees formally adopted it on May 20, 1893, at a meeting held at Leesburg. Original minutes of this meeting include the charter in its entirety.

Besides President Melton, the faculty for 1893-94 included Rev. Henry Fletcher Harris, Latin, Greek, Anglo-Saxon, French and Spanish; Rev. Homer Bush, higher mathematics, science and German; John Joseph Williams, sub-freshman mathematics, history and commercial course; Miss Madge Alford Bigham, preparatory department and sub-freshman classes; Miss Stella Moody, instrumental music; Miss Furlow Anderson, vocal music; Miss Clara Virginia Keesling, art; Dr. W. J. Walker, manager of the college home; and Rev. Robert Stork, manager of the hall.

#### DEGREES OFFERED

Beginning in the autumn of 1893, the college offered courses leading to M.E.L. and B.L. degrees, "the former to young ladies completing the schools of English literature, science and mathematics through trigonometry; the latter to young men completing the same course." Students who received either of these degrees were permitted to remain one year longer and receive a master's degree. A minimum of fifteen recitations a week was required.

The general plan of the institution was impressively set forth as follows: For the soul, sound religious training; for the intellect, faithful mental discipline; for the social affections, genial companionship; for the emotions, healthful moral stimulus; for the tastes, elegant aesthetic culture; for the body, judicious physical regimen; for the manners, refined supervision; and for the health, wise hygienic directions.

Women students were required to rise each morning at 6:30 o'clock, appear for breakfast at 7, dinner at 12 and supper at 6:30. A group prayer meeting was held immediately after each evening meal. They were enjoined to refrain from the use of "cant words or improper language," and sitting in windows or conversing from them was prohibited. "If a young lady desires to receive the

attention of visitors from home," one rule stated, "her parent or guardian must write to the president to that effect beforehand."

These rules also applied to men students, who were also required to "abstain from contracting debts at stores, livery stables, etc., except by permission," and to "abstain from any communication with the opposite sex, except such as comes unsought in your contact as students." There was a rule against bringing cards, whiskey or fire-arms into the dormitory.

All students were forbidden to read or circulate novels, newspapers or literature of any kind without the approval of the president. They were also advised to "leave no money in your room, keep your trunk locked and the key on your person."

Considerable interest was manifested in a monthly prayer meeting conducted by President Melton or someone appointed by him.

Rooms in the dormitories were furnished with stoves, double bedsteads, mattresses, bedsprings, bureaus, tables, washstands, chairs and mirrors, and each student was advised to provide himself with an umbrella and over-shoes.

#### CO-EDUCATION UPHELD

The attitude of the administration toward co-education was presented in the catalogue for 1893-1894 as follows:

"Ours is a mixed school. We think this better. We think it better for the boys and better for the girls. There is no more effectual way of refuting the old and still prevalent idea of woman's intellectual inferiority. Many a wife and mother has lost her influence over husband or son under this false impression. The husband condescends to accommodate his wife in her weakness, but knows if she had intellectual ability to grapple with great questions, she would not be weak and whimsical, especially on the subject of religion. The boy says: 'Oh, my mother is a woman, but' then she does not know, and cannot know, what I do.' The sharp contact of the recitation will remove all illusions. Let a boy wither at the black-board a few times before the intellectual acumen of the girls in his class, and he will learn to respect their ability; and he will learn, too, that if he is to have a wife who is his intellectual inferior, he will have to go out of school to find her. It inspires the girls with more self-confidence. They will learn to be more steadfast when they plead for truth and righteousness."

According to a copy of *College Thought*, published in March, 1894, the staff included President Melton, editor, and Henry Fletcher Harris, Homer Bush and John Joseph Williams, faculty associate editors.

It was the custom during those years to have a large number of students appear on the commencement program with orations, declamations and other contributions, and medals offered by public-



spirited individuals were awarded. Honors were announced as follows at the commencement of 1894:

W. F. Melton medal for best oration, Rev. C. W. White; L. B. Lee medal for best original essay, Miss Nellie Hall; W. H. Steinmeyer medal for best freshman or sub-freshman recitation, Miss Bertie Lee; J. H. Richards medal for best display of art at commencement, Miss Annie Walker; J. H. Owen medal for best recitation or declamation in preparatory department, Miss Talula De Pass; G. M. Lee medal for best scholarship in preparatory department, Miss Loulie Barnett; W. C. Wilkins medal for best declamation, J. R. Hillsman; W. F. Melton medal for best scholarship, Rev. B. F. Lovelace; W. J. Walker medal for best house-keeping in "College Home," Miss Mamie Wilkins; J. P. Stephens and Brother medal for best work in French, Miss Sadie Abney.

Freezing weather having done extensive damage to the citrus crops, money became so scarce in 1895 that it was feared the college would have to be closed. President Melton and his faculty, unable to live on their greatly reduced salaries, presented their resignations to the board of trustees at the meeting held on the afternoon of May 18.

The board adopted a resolution which said: "That this board sincerely regrets that circumstances have caused the president and his assistants to retire from the college; that we appreciate the valuable services they have rendered; and that they carry with them our high regards and best wishes for their future welfare."

#### TRUSTEES ELECT DR. NOLEN

Dr. James Theodore Nolen was elected president of the college on the morning of May 20, 1895, succeeding Dr. Melton, and served until his death, November 27, 1897.

Dr. Nolen was born at Franklin, North Carolina, April 22, 1863. He attended Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, and was graduated with honors, winning three medals for excellence in an essay and mathematics and natural science. He taught school two years before entering Vanderbilt University, where he was awarded the degree of bachelor of divinity in 1891. He married Miss Rose Charlotte Thomas, at Spring City, Tennessee, June 28, 1892, and two daughters survive them. One lives at Williston, the other at Leesburg.

Before election to the presidency of The Florida Conference College, Dr. Nolen served as school principal at Spring City, Tennessee, and Lake City, Florida, and as a professor on the faculty of Peoples College, Pikeville, Tennessee. He became a member of the Florida Conference in December, 1896. He was buried in Leesburg, but was later removed to the burial ground of Mrs. Nolen's family in Chattanooga Memorial Park, Chattanooga, Tenn.

R. L. Honiker, chairman of the conference committee on memoirs, eulogizing Dr. Nolen in the conference minutes of 1897, said: "Coming to the

college at a critical time, when the hearts of the trustees were grieved and burdened over its condition, he began the delicate and difficult work of unifying sentiment in its behalf and composing differences. That he succeeded, illustrates his fitness to be a leader of men. Always optimistic in the best sense, because his faith was anchored on the great Teacher, he went over the conference inspiring confidence and winning friends to the institution, until the bright star of hope was discerned rising on the horizon of the school.

"The work committed to Professor Nolen was no sinecure. The upbuilding of a young church educational institution in a sparsely populated section, without endowment, without strong and influential friends, with antagonisms to be reconciled, and the daily problem of support confronting him, he yet wrought manfully and well. . . . He had, by the force of his personality, attracted to the school an excellent corps of teachers, and, despite the financial stringency of the past two years, had secured for the college a commanding position as an educational foundation."

The board of trustees during the first year of Dr. Nolen's administration included the following: Dr. J. Anderson, chairman; Rev. W. F. Norton, vice-chairman; Rev. W. H. Steinmeyer, financial agent and treasurer; Rev. R. L. Honiker, secretary; Rev. R. H. Barnett, Rev. J. B. Anderson, Rev. T. J. Nixon, Rev. J. M. Pike, Dr. J. F. Shands, George M. Lee, Loveard B. Lee, Charles W. White, John C. Cooper, C. N. Hildreth, E. H. Swain, S. E. Bond, J. H. Dorsey and Rev. A. E. Householder.

#### FACULTY ANNOUNCED

The faculty for the first year included the following: Rev. F. A. Taylor, vice-president and professor of higher mathematics and Greek; Rev. T. A. Jordan, professor of English, history and natural science; Mrs. C. C. B. Richards, instructor in natural science, German and French; Mrs. A. S. Barnett, music; Miss Fannie Collins, art; Victor Knight, librarian; Miss Mary Knight, assistant librarian; F. E. Steinmeyer, manager of the college home; and Mrs. Steinmeyer, lady principal.

The faculty for 1896-97 included the following: President Nolen, mental and moral science; E. F. Herman, ancient and modern languages; Rev. F. A. Taylor, adjunct professor of ancient languages; W. T. Chafin, higher mathematics and natural science; Mrs. Beulah M. Warner, English and history; J. N. Platt, tutor in natural science; Mrs. A. S. Barnett, vocal and instrumental music; Miss Fannie Collins, art and physical culture; and Miss Hannah W. Hopson, stenography and typewriting.

Those who had the privilege of being closely associated with Dr. Nolen recall the heroic manner in which he sought to save the college from the threatening depression. Heavy financial odds faced him when he assumed the responsibilities of the presidency, but he had the immediate cooperation of a loyal faculty, trustees, ministers and



JAMES THEODORE NOLEN  
President 1895-97



other friends, and he set out to perform with determination a dreary task. He made his first report to the conference in December, 1895, announcing an enrollment of fifty-eight students. This was less than the total for the preceding year, but he was able to report a larger number of boarding students. The latter were charged \$10 a month. Six of the fifty-eight students were preparing for either the ministry or mission work. Twelve others were children of ministers. One year later the college had a faculty of seven and a student enrollment of eighty-five. Among these were six children of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Barnett—Loulie, R. Ira, Fred T., Doak, Eugene and Henry.

The college plant consisted of three buildings. "The Hall" included fourteen rooms and a large dining apartment. "The College Home" included thirty bedrooms, a parlor, a sitting room, a dining room, a kitchen, five porticoes and eight halls. The administration building included a chapel, a library, a museum, the president's office and seven recitation rooms.

Upon the death of Dr. Nolen, the trustees elected as president pro tem, Professor E. F. Herman, a bachelor of arts graduate of Syracuse University, who was then teaching Latin, Greek and German in The Florida Conference College.

#### PRESIDENT LANG ELECTED

Thomas Gelzer Lang was elected president at a meeting of the trustees held in Tampa on the afternoon of December 20, 1897. He appeared before the trustees that night in a brief speech of acceptance. His administration continued until 1902.

President Lang was born in Valdosta, Georgia, in 1857. He attended Emory College, and was graduated with first honor in June, 1882, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts. He married on May 16, 1889, and joined the conference a few months later. Before taking up work as a pastor, he served as principal of the Savannah District High School. After a most creditable career as minister and educator, he was superannuated in 1922. He is living in Milledgeville, Georgia.

The faculty which served under President Lang included H. C. Morrison, vice-president and professor of natural sciences; E. F. Herman, Latin, Greek and German; L. D. Kirby, French, English

and history; Rev. B. F. Lovelace, mathematics; Miss Margaret Kilbourne, vocal and instrumental music; Miss Fannie Collins, art; and Miss Nellie Miller, primary department and physical culture.

Trustees were Rev. A. E. Householder, chairman; Rev. W. F. Norton, vice-chairman; Rev. Edward F. Lev, secretary; George C. Warner, treasurer; Rev. R. H. Barnett, Rev. R. L. Honiker, Dr. C. A. Fulwood, Rev. T. J. Nixon, Dr. J. F. Shands, Rev. J. C. Sale, George M. Lee, Charles W. White, E. H. Swain, J. H. Dorsey, R. F. Webb, G. W. Saxon, W. P. Ward and S. M. Sparkman.

Courses offered in the Bible department included soteriology, dispensational truths, the Holy Spirit, doctrine of angels, Christology, harmony of the gospels, canon of Scripture, Bible history, hermeneutics, doctrine of hamartology, inspiration of the Scriptures, eschatology, Messianic prophecies, Christian evidences, Paul's life and writings and Bible outlines.

New members of the board of trustees during 1899-1900 were Rev. C. A. Saunders, Rev. L. W. Moore, Frank Adams and J. M. Barco.

Besides President Lang, the faculty for 1899-1900 included Rev. J. B. Game, Latin and Greek; Mrs. Beulah M. Warner, English and history; Harry Broadwell, mathematics; Rev. Lewis W. Duval, natural science; and Miss Elizabeth Hansbrough, music.

In his report to the trustees in May, 1899, President Lang said: "We are happy to state that the attendance upon this closing term of the college is larger than that of any previous term during the present administration. It has been our sad duty to advise the propriety of the recall of a student home. This was done only after efforts for his betterment extended through several months, and in such a way as to retain the good-will of his family, while maintaining the integrity of the institution and wholesome discipline. We are also happy to report a revival of grace which resulted in the reformation of many, the conversion of others and the advancement of others. As to the financial status of the college, we would only report at this time that during the collegiate year the teachers have received a little over \$800 from tuition. This was supplemented by collections in the field."







## REMOVAL TO SUTHERLAND



FEELING that the college would be able to expand more rapidly in some other community, members of the board of trustees, meeting in Leesburg in May, 1900, adopted a resolution urging the conference to take steps toward removal. Rev. C. A. Saunders and W. K. Zewadski were appointed to present the resolution to the conference. James P. DePass, chairman of the board of education, recommended removal, and steps were taken to advertise for bids.

Quincy, represented by A. L. Wilson, W. M. Corry and E. C. Love, offered \$8,000 and ten acres of land. Orlando, represented by Rev. L. W. Moore, offered \$1,500 and land valued at \$1,500. White Springs, represented by Rev. C. A. Saunders, offered \$1,000, thirty acres of what was then known as the Hoboken property and city lots valued at \$1,000.

The Sutherland Land and Improvement Company offered \$5,000 and 440 acres of land for \$2,000, in addition to two large buildings. Acceptance of this offer was voted by the trustees and the conference in December, 1901, and the following were appointed trustees for the new property: J. P. Hilburn, I. S. Patterson, R. M. Evans, R. F. Mason, H. A. Hodges, W. M. Poage, W. N. Sheats, H. H. Sassnett, L. E. Roberson, H. W. Long, I. S. Giddens, W. C. Richardson, D. W. Stanley and D. A. Cole.

Rev. R. M. Evans and Dr. W. C. Richardson represented the community of Sutherland and the Sutherland Land and Improvement Company. Mr. Evans was also appointed agent for the college at a salary of \$50 a month.

### PRESIDENT WALKER BEGINS

Dr. Shade Wilson Walker, a brilliant, energetic young man, with commanding endowments of personality and impressive executive ability, was elected president of the college when the trustees met at Sutherland on the afternoon of March 27, 1902. His salary was fixed at \$1,000 a year, and it was voted to board him and his family in the dormitory for \$300 a year. Selection of the faculty was left to President Walker and the executive committee of the board of trustees.

Dr. Walker was born in Fayetteville, Tennessee, July 18, 1871, a son of Stephen and Julia Walker. He attended Hopewell Academy and Fayetteville Presbyterian College, and did special work at Harvard University. Southern College has honored him with the degree of doctor of divinity. He married Miss Lottie Patterson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Patterson, in 1892, and joined the conference in 1893. St. Augustine Mission was his first work. His first wife was drowned in April, 1904, when the boat in which she was

riding capsized a few miles from the mainland of Sutherland. She and several other persons, including Dr. Walker, were returning from a picnic at Anclote lighthouse. The boat was capsized by a squall two miles off Hog Island, shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon, and it was ten o'clock the following morning before rescuers arrived. Four persons besides Mrs. Walker lost their lives.

Six children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Walker during his first marriage. They are Mrs. Walter O. Ropp, Howard Walker, George Walker, Mrs. H. R. Laing, Mrs. W. E. Blount and Shade W. Walker, Jr.

Dr. Walker married Miss Grace Parker in 1905. She died in 1927, and he married Miss Lillie Mullins in 1929. They have one child, Patricia.

Known as one of the most capable pastors in the Florida Conference, Dr. Walker has served with distinction. He is a man of strong intellectual and spiritual power. He has read widely and intensively, and he still spends much time among his large collection of books. His messages have always been received as stimulating and original contributions from a positive personality. He is now doing outstanding work as pastor of First Methodist Church, Jacksonville. His brilliant record includes St. Paul's Church, San Jose, California; Johnson Memorial Church, Huntington, West Virginia; First Methodist Church, Sanford; First Methodist Church, St. Petersburg; and the presiding eldership of the Tampa District. He has been a trustee of Southern sixteen years, one of which he served as chairman of the board. He has also been conspicuously successful as an evangelistic speaker.

Just past thirty when he accepted the presidency of the college which had been placed at Sutherland, Dr. Walker, aware of greater possibilities for the institution, set to work with an enthusiasm that quickly spread among Florida Methodists and caused them to take a more active interest in their school. Pastors and parishioners alike began to talk with more conviction about their school, and it was not long before expansion began.

It was Dr. Walker's task to reorganize the school and start it anew. Aided by loyal trustees, he planned carefully in starting at Sutherland an institution that was to increase in academic strength, prestige and enrollment. To his judicious efforts during those early days in a new location is due much credit for the sustained prosperity which the school enjoyed in that community for nineteen years.

### NAME CHANGED

Upon being removed to Sutherland, the school became known as the Florida Seminary. The trustees later voted for incorporation under the new name, and this was done in 1904.





SHADE WILSON WALKER  
President 1902-07



Dr. Walker had considerable land at his official disposal, of course, but only two buildings—the dormitory for men, then known as the Gulf View Hotel, and the dormitory for women, then known as the San Marino Hotel. As rapidly as funds were available, however, the plant was enlarged to include an administration building, another dormitory for men, a gymnasium, a tea room and a laundry. The administration building was erected while Dr. Walker was president.

The dormitory for women included 159 rooms. This beautiful frame structure, situated at the top of a hill overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, became the social center of the campus. In it were beautifully appointed reception rooms, literary society rooms, the president's suite, recitation rooms, the conservatory of music, the art studio and the dining room and kitchen.

The building for men, which still stands, was several hundred yards directly in front of the dormitory for women, which was destroyed by fire in 1921. The administration building was erected within a few feet of the dormitory for women.

At the same time they elected Dr. Walker to the presidency, the trustees, figuring the tuition on a basis of nine months, fixed the following rates: primary, \$10; intermediate, \$18; sub-freshman, \$25; freshman, \$30; sophomore, \$40; junior, \$42; and senior, \$48. The fee for music, art or elocution was set at \$27 for nine months, and a matriculation fee of \$1 was charged.

In order to attract as many students as possible, it was decided at a meeting held at Sutherland on the afternoon of April 23, 1902, to announce to the Presbyterian Synod then in session at Punta Gorda, that children of Presbyterian ministers would be admitted without tuition charge.

The executive committee of trustees, meeting on August 22, hurrying to get the plant ready for an impressive opening the following month, instructed President Walker to buy the following: Fifty double desks, four desks for teachers, fourteen suites of furniture, fifteen small rocking chairs, thirty-five dining room chairs, eight recitation benches, cutlery, four Rochester lamps, twenty-five hand lamps, three dozen towels, fifty yards of table cloth, twenty-five sheets and two pianos.

An interesting paragraph from the minutes of a meeting held by the trustees a little later, follows: "A motion was carried that the agent, Rev. J. P. Hilburn, be authorized to accept the horse from Brother J. A. Hendry at \$75 on his subscription to the school."

#### OPENING EXERCISES

Many friends of the reorganized institution were present for the opening exercises held September 17, 1902, with an enrollment of 107 students. The total reached 208 before the year ended, bringing assurance to President Walker and other friends of the institution that it was well on the way to expansion.

Besides President Walker, who taught mental and moral science, the catalogue for 1902-03 announced H. A. Woodward, science and languages; Miss Donella Griffin, mathematics and English; Miss Laurie McRae, preparatory; Miss Annie Stillwell, music, art and elocution in the primary department; R. W. Evans, agent; Mrs. L. V. Craig, matron in the dormitory for women; and Mrs. Meader, housekeeper for men students. Miss Bethula Rice later was added as assistant in piano. Rev. J. A. Hendry and Dr. J. P. Hilburn also served as financial agent during Dr. Walker's administration.

The Erolethean Literary Society for women students was organized October 10, 1902. Another literary society for women students, Sigma Delta, was organized the autumn of 1906, the same year in which Philomathean Literary Society for men students was organized as a friendly rival to Phi Sigma.

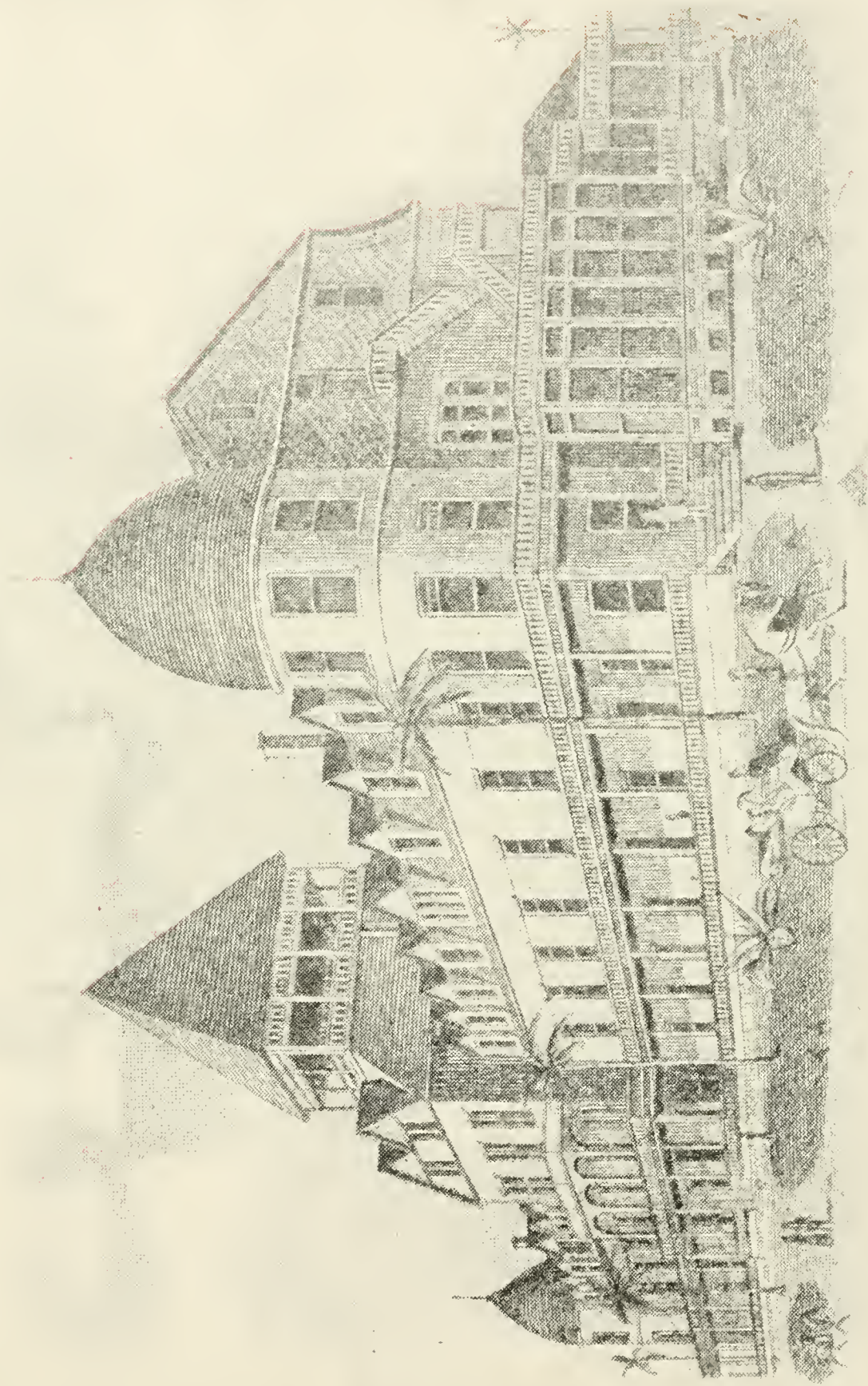
The school began its second year at Sutherland in September, 1903, with an enrollment of 126 and closed with 226. The faculty announced in the catalogue for 1903-04 included W. B. Greer, science and modern languages; Miss Lettie Lynch, ancient languages; Miss Donella Griffin, English; Miss Laurie McRae, history; Miss Slaughter, primary; Miss Annie Stillwell, music; Miss Bethula Rice, assistant in music; Miss Mary Lee Hill, elocution; Miss Eunice Newton, art; Mrs. Wyatt, matron in dormitory for women; Mrs. W. B. Greer, matron in the dormitory for men; Dr. J. P. Hilburn, agent; and Dr. C. H. Logan, college physician. Miss Blackwell later was added as a music teacher. Three teachers for the Spanish, mathematics and commercial departments, had not been elected when the catalogue was published.

The academic year 1904-05 was begun with an enrollment of 205. The gratifying total of 310 was reached before the end of the year.

It was in March, 1904, that construction of the administration building was begun. This splendid brick structure, destroyed by the fire of 1921, had two stories besides the basement, and was 95 by 137 feet. There were ten recitation rooms on the first floor. The second floor included a chapel 70 by 95 feet, with a seating capacity of 700, a study hall 40 by 50 feet, seating 200, and a room used as a library. The study hall on the second floor later was used as a commercial department. Built at a cost of \$24,500, this building was completed in time for the commencement exercises in May, 1905.

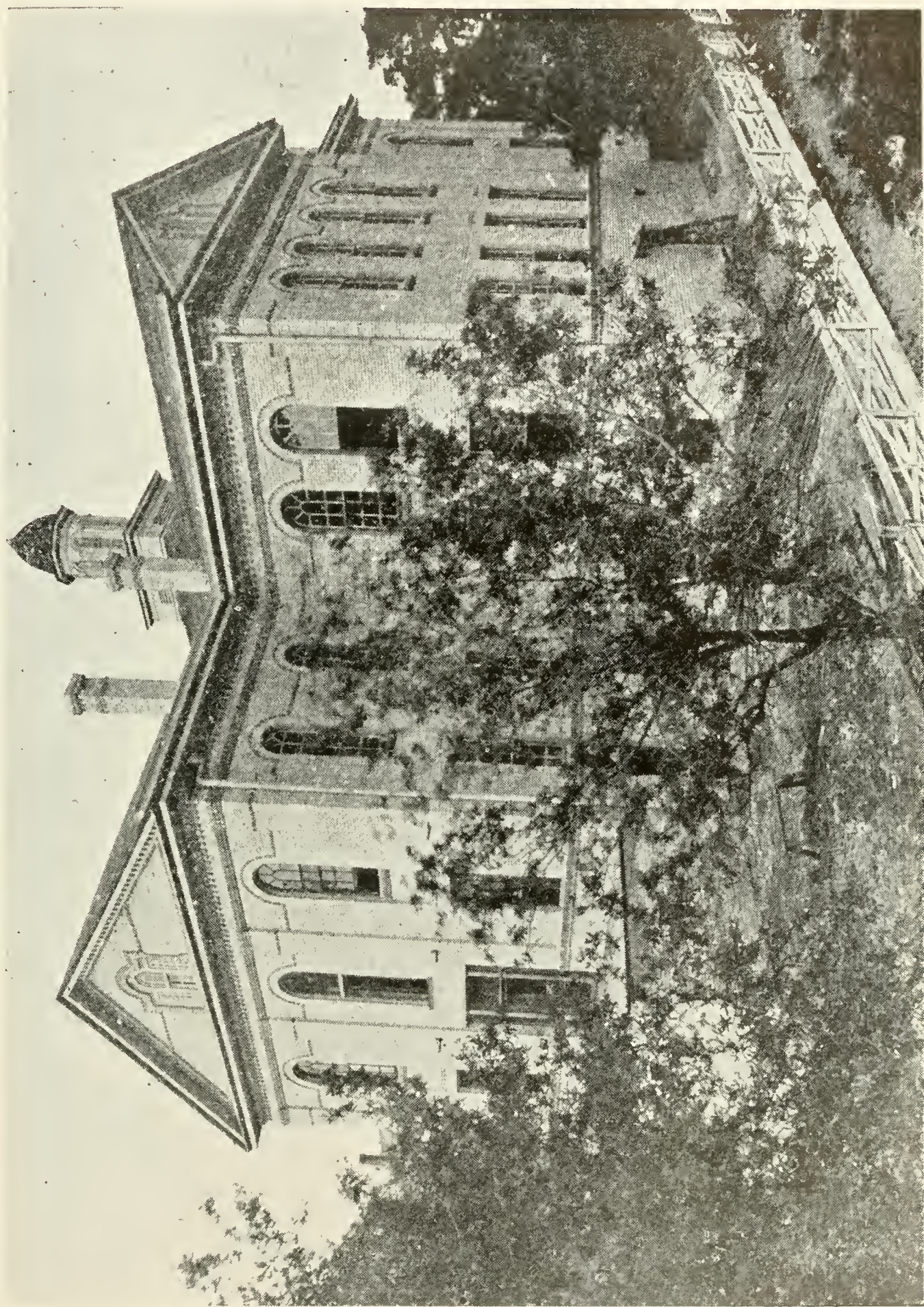
Reporting to the conference held in Orlando in December, 1904, Dr. Hilburn, chairman of the board of trustees, after presenting details of the progress of the school, said: "The fact that such an institution has been built up within three years without a dollar's worth of property or a cent of endowment to begin with, bespeaks volumes for Rev. S. W. Walker, the president, who has been





THE DORMITORY FOR WOMEN  
When Southern was at Sutherland





THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
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at the helm, as well as for the church and its agents contributing to the phenomenal success of the enterprise."

#### EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE

Trustees, at a meeting held May 22, 1905, instead of re-electing President Walker for the customary period of one year, voted the office to him for the ensuing five years. This action was intended as a demonstration of gratitude for the good work he had done, and as an expression of confidence in his administrative policies. The degree of doctor of divinity was voted to him one year later.

The faculty for 1905-06 included R. H. Alderman, science; E. W. McMullen, mathematics; Grant Wheeler, commercial department; Miss Eunice Newton, art; Miss Katheryne Purnell, voice; Miss Edwina Rogers, violin; Miss Mary Lee Hill, elocution; Miss Vaught, Latin; Manuel Andrade, Spanish; Miss Donella Griffin, English; and Miss Pearl Watkins, music.

The name of the institution was changed from the Florida Seminary to The Southern College, by action of the trustees on April 25, 1906. Soon afterward, the new name was shortened to Southern College.

Members of the faculty for 1906-07 were R. H. Alderman, vice-president and instructor in science; E. C. Hudson, ancient and modern languages; S. B. Underwood, English; T. M. Cecil, mathematics; E. C. Kinsinger, history; Manuel Andrade, Spanish; E. M. McMullen, normal department; Grant Wheeler, commercial department; Beulah Wilson, academy; Mrs. E. B. Gautier, academy; Hans Christian Wulf, head of the department of music; Mrs. R. H. Alderman, voice; Miss Lillian Atkins, violin; Miss Edwina Rogers, stringed instruments; Mrs. S. W. Walker, assistant in piano; Miss DuBois Elder, elocution; Francisco Tortorici and Miss Effie M. Keiffer, art; Mrs. T. M. Cecil, matron in the dormitory for women; and Mrs. M. J. Wyatt, matron in the dormitory for men. Carlo Mora succeeded Hans C. Wulf before Christmas of that year.

When Dr. J. P. Hilburn, then chairman of the board of trustees, made his report to the conference held in Palatka in December, 1906, the college had a property valuation of \$175,000, a faculty of seventeen, and an enrollment of 310.

Part of his report follows:

"In the matter of arranging a curriculum, we found it to be not only advisable but necessary to take advanced ground in view of the growing demands on the part of parents and students for advanced literary work, so that our curriculum now stands equal to that of any first-class college, meeting the requirements of our general board of education.

#### RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE

"The religious influence of the school is pronounced and of high order. So far, we have had

a resident pastor who lives among the students. Preaching services are held every Sunday in the college chapel for the benefit of the student body and the local community. Attendance by students is compulsory. There is also a well organized Sunday School and an Epworth League, and a mid-week service for prayer. The religious training of pupils outside of the public ministry of the Word is also looked after, not necessarily along sectarian lines, but in the broad catholic spirit which we believe should characterize religious colleges as a consequence of the intensive religious spirit of the school and its religious atmosphere, vibrant with the thought and purpose of God. Many pupils who come to the school out of the church and unsaved, return to their homes in the conscious enjoyment of a religious experience, while some are led to feel their call to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Of course, in planning so largely as we have had to do for the housing and care of our students, it would have been almost miraculous not to have incurred debt. But considering the work we have inaugurated, our present indebtedness, amounting now to \$5,500, is very small. Furthermore, receipts from board and tuition have so far been amply sufficient to meet current expenses.

"Among other things, there is a grievous demand for a gymnasium and an athletic field. Ten thousand dollars could be easily and most profitably expended in meeting this need. Again, the college should be endowed.

"We have a choice collection of books in the college library, which now numbers 3,500 volumes."

His labors having taxed his physical strength too heavily, President Walker decided to retire to less active work for awhile. Accordingly, he submitted his resignation to the board on May 20, 1907. They accepted it only after considerable discussion, and adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the splendid services he had performed. At another meeting on the same day, they elected him chairman of the board to succeed Dr. J. P. Hilburn, who had just been elected president of the college at a meeting that morning.

#### PRESIDENT HILBURN TAKES CHARGE

John Presley Hilburn, now living in Tampa as a superannuate of the Florida Conference, was born in Gainesville, Arkansas, June 26, 1858, a son of Rev. A. S. and Emily S. Hilburn. He attended public and private schools and Crowley College, and has a doctor of divinity degree which was conferred upon him by Southern.

Dr. Hilburn entered the ministry in December, 1880, and Jonesboro, Arkansas, was his first appointment. His long record of brilliant and useful service in the ministry has won for him wide recognition as an able leader. After joining the Florida Conference, he served as pastor at Micanopy, Palatka and Ocala, and as presiding elder of the





JOHN PRESLEY HILBURN  
President 1907-12

Tampa, Bartow, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Orlando districts. He served two terms of four years each in the Tampa district.

He married Miss Ella C. Peace, of Salem, Missouri, June 11, 1890, and they have one child, Oscar Peace Hilburn, a lawyer.

Deeply interested in Southern's welfare long before he was elected to the presidency on May 20, 1907, Dr. Hilburn has served the institution with rare devotion in several capacities. He was a member of the board of trustees before the institution was removed from Leesburg to Sutherland. He and Rev. R. M. Evans secured an option on the buildings and lots at Sutherland, and as preparations were made to re-open the school, it was he who was chosen as chairman of the board in December, 1901, a position which he held for more than seven years. He has been a member of the board since its incorporation.

As financial agent for the college, he raised funds in 1903 for the erection of the administration building. During the five years of his presidency, salaries of the teachers and all operating expenses were paid in full from the revenue brought in by board, tuition and other fees.

In looking back over those busy days, Dr. Hilburn has always given much credit to Dr. I. C. Jenkins, who was vice-president, and to Mrs. Hilburn, as well as to others on the staff of loyal faculty members.

Known as one of the most stable and genuine personalities in Florida Methodism, Dr. Hilburn occupies a position of high esteem among those who have had the pleasure of coming within range of his splendid influence. He dealt painstakingly with students during the five years of his administration, and later counselled and directed the ministers of his various districts in such a manner as to gain their affection and energetic co-operation.

Dr. Hilburn has been known for many years as an eloquent speaker, a man intellectually honest and spiritually devout, whose good works are numerous.

Selection of Dr. Hilburn to succeed President Walker came at a time when the school was making a splendid showing. President Hilburn had already manifested his great interest in the new project, and he had the confidence of the trustees and other friends of Southern. He took up the task where President Walker had left off, and followed through with an aggressive program, which included the erection of a four-story dormitory for men and a large gymnasium.

Trustees for the first year of President Hilburn's administration were Dr. S. W. Walker, chairman; Rev. J. B. Lee, vice-chairman; Rev. D. A. Cole, secretary; Rev. Ira S. Patterson, attorney; President Hilburn, Rev. W. M. Poage, Rev. R. M. Evans, Rev. B. F. Mason, D. C. McMullen, I. S. Giddens, J. C. Little, J. E. Hendry, C. W. Smith, W. C. Richardson and W. N. Sheats.

The catalogue for 1907-08 announced the following faculty: Dr. J. P. Hilburn, president; I. C.

Jenkins, vice-president and professor of science; V. V. Morgan, English; T. M. Cecil, mathematics; Rose McMullen, history; Miss Lertie Lynch, ancient and modern languages; Manuel Andrade, Spanish; E. W. McMullen, normal school; Miss Murphy, commercial school; Carlo Mora, head of the department of music; Mrs. Ione B. S. Mora, assistant in piano; Professor Mora, voice; Miss Bessie Field, stringed instruments; Miss DuBois Elder, school of expression; Francisco Tortorici, art; and Mrs. T. M. Cecil and Mrs. M. J. Wyatt, matrons.

In their report to the conference which met in Tampa in December, 1907, a few months after President Hilburn had begun his administration, the trustees said that, with the exception of enrollment, the institution had shown "an improvement this year over any previous year in the school's history."

President Hilburn made an immediate effort to strengthen the curriculum, increased the rates for board and tuition, paid the teachers higher salaries and improved the physical plant.

The roof and windows of the dormitory for women were repaired, and the walls and ceilings re-plastered and kalsomined. New equipment included a \$350 range for the kitchen and a new boiler for the laundry, in addition to a circular saw operated on power from the laundry and used for cutting wood. A garden was begun to supply vegetables for the use of the college, and chickens, hogs and cows were bought.

The value of the college buildings in December, 1907, was given as \$185,000, and an endowment of \$3,000 was reported. The faculty included seventeen teachers. They received an average salary of \$600 a year. The library contained 3,500 books.

Dr. S. W. Lawler, one of Southern's most active friends for many years, was elected chairman of the board of trustees on December 16, 1907. Among those who served under his leadership were Rev. T. J. Nixon, vice-chairman; Rev. D. A. Cole, secretary; D. C. McMullen, treasurer; Dr. Hilburn, Rev. J. B. Lee, Dr. L. W. Moore, Dr. W. C. Richardson, A. C. Clewis, Rev. J. A. Hendry, I. S. Giddens, R. H. Johnson, L. J. Cooper, Rev. W. M. Poage, J. E. Hendry, Rev. C. W. Smith and J. T. Watkins.

The honorary degree of doctor of literature was conferred upon Henry Elmer Bierly in May, 1908. He was professor of philosophy in Chattanooga University and editor of the *Southern Educational Review*, and was given the degree "in recognition of his profound scholarship and distinguished service to the cause of education in Florida."

James Perdue, corpulent, jovial and loyal negro cook at Southern for many years, was voted an expression of appreciation by the trustees in a resolution they adopted during the commencement week of 1908. Perdue, a persuasive preacher as well as an excellent cook, remained with the college until 1926. He is now living in Philadelphia.



As soon as sufficient funds were available, President Hilburn equipped basement rooms in the administration building and used them as a science department.

Dr. Lawler, chairman of the board of trustees, in his report to the conference held in Miami, in December, 1908, said:

"Among the internal improvements enterprised this year are the reorganization of the sub-collegiate and academic departments on a better basis, making our preparatory school one of the best institutions of the kind in the State; also, great improvements in the management of the boys' dormitory. At present there are five members of the faculty that have rooms in the boys' dormitory, three of whom have their wives with them; and under the wise supervision of Professor Platt, the atmosphere has become much more home-like than heretofore, and the boys are showing their appreciation by advancement in character and discipline.

"The music department this year is larger than ever before, and we have had to turn away some pupils who desired to take lessons under Professor Mora.

"The faculty consists of seventeen teachers and the president, and, without any reflection upon others, they are the ablest faculty we have ever had.

"President Hilburn is wise and economical in his administration, and abundant and fruitful in his labors, holding the respect and confidence, not only of the faculty, but of the student body and patrons as well."

He reported that \$1,000 had been spent in repairs on the dormitory for women during the year, that a new steam pump and a water tank had been installed, and that three acres of orange and grapefruit trees had been set out.

The enrollment for the year ending in May, 1908, was given as 215.

The total of insurance on the property had been increased to \$42,500.

#### PLAN FOR GYMNASIUM

Eager to enlarge the physical plant as rapidly as possible, the trustees turned their attention to the building of a gymnasium, appointing President Hilburn, Dr. Lawler and E. W. McMullen as a building committee.

The catalogue issued in May, 1909, carried the names of the following faculty members: Dr. Hilburn, president and professor of Bible and moral philosophy; Dr. Jenkins, vice-president and professor of English language and literature; T. M. Cecil, mathematics; J. N. Platt, chemistry and biology, who was also associated with C. E. Kinsinger in teaching physics, astronomy and geology; Miss Luciana Gonzalez, Spanish; Miss Adele Choemean, French; Vasil Makru, Greek; Miss Mary A. Griffith, Latin and German; Miss Eva

Barclay, adjunct professor of languages in the academic and sub-freshman department, and first assistant to Professor Kinsinger; Miss Bessie Cecil, adjunct professor of history and second assistant; Mrs. Lucy B. Conrad, principal of the preparatory department; W. C. Baugh, principal of the commercial department; Carlo Mora, head of the department of music and instructor in piano; Mrs. Mora and Miss Bessie Cecil, instructors in piano; Professor Mora and Mrs. Mora, instructors in voice; Miss Grace M. Crocker, stringed instruments; Francisco Tortorici, art; and Miss Smith, domestic science.

The catalogue had the following to say in regard to indolent students: "Students who are indolent and inclined to absent themselves from classes are detrimental to the work of the institution, and breed disorder and lawlessness. For such negligence, they may be requested to withdraw, even though not guilty of any other serious breach of discipline."

Trustees reported to the conference held at Lakeland in December, 1909, that the gymnasium was being built, and it was not long before work on this greatly needed structure had been completed, giving the students a well ventilated and adequately equipped recreation center. It was two stories high and 60 by 80 feet. Concrete blocks blocks manufactured on the campus were used in constructing it.

"The institution has been wisely managed from the beginning," said the report of the trustees, "but the superior executive ability of Dr. Hilburn is manifest in the school's being able to pay its running expenses through a time of great financial depression coupled with a high cost of living, in securing a greater number of pupils than last year and from a larger number of localities, in getting an increased proportional attendance of young men, in having a nearer approach to ideal home conditions in the dormitories, and in decidedly more religious atmosphere throughout the institution."

#### OLD GRADUATES RECOGNIZED

The trustees, meeting on May 24, 1910, voted to issue new diplomas to former students who were graduated from the institution when it was known as The Florida Conference College or as the Florida Seminary.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws was voted to Josephus Anderson on June 21, 1910.

New members of the faculty announced in the catalogue issued in 1910 were N. J. Castellanos, Spanish language and literature; A. B. Sanford, adjunct professor of English; Miss Lela Mae Cecil, principal of the preparatory department; Miss Hazel Price, principal of the primary department; Miss Halcia E. Bower, expression; Miss Anna Echols, domestic science; and Mrs. T. M. Cecil, matron of the dormitory for men.

Among medals offered to students during these years were the W. G. Fletcher scholarship medal, the Jenkins literary medal, the J. P. Hilburn Bible medal, the H. E. Adams scholarship medal, the Eltie Haskell Gates mathematics medal, and the W. K. Piner oratorical medal.

Moore, Piner, Yearty, Lawler and Kennelly were listed in *The Southern*, campus publication, as students composing the basketball team for the spring of 1910, and a victory of 23 to 0 over Rollins College was glowingly recorded.

### O. M. HAYS RECALLS

At the request of the author, a paper of reminiscences has been written by O. M. Hays, of Valdosta, Georgia, a former Southern student. It follows:

It is a long call back to 1910, and memory falters on the way, but because those old days at Southern College were happy, carefree days of study and play and camaraderie such as I have not known since, I make the journey happily. And as I near the town of Sutherland, where the college was then located, old familiar scenes reappear and long-forgotten names and faces come to mind: Pig Island, the little oasis at the end of a long board walk over the shallow water; Ozona, a fishing village about a mile south of the college, where we could rent a little sailboat to cruise around the nearby waters; Hog Island, a long, dim shape out in the Gulf, where a group of us went to camp one summer and found the mosquitoes unendurable; Anclote Key, the distant island where the lighthouse was located, a favorite place for all-day picnics, for which we had to charter a boat and go duly chaperoned; Tarpon Springs, with its Greek sponge fishers and quaint Greek eating places, where the bread came in circular loaves like a life preserver and the beef stew was especially greasy; Blue Springs, the swimming place about halfway between Sutherland and Tarpon Springs; the orange groves, which we visited under cover of night; Baker's store, the gathering place of the boys; the postoffice in Mr. Craven's store, where you could be sure of a crowd after every mail came in; the "swimming hole" over in the woods, which was nothing but a deep spot in one of the inlets from the Gulf and where we often had to chase away the horseshoe crabs in order to use the "pool;" these and many, many other dear old scenes come back to memory as I strive to live again those far-off days at Southern.

### AMONG THOSE PRESENT

And the boys and girls who were students—they come rushing back, as clear as though it were only yesterday that we studied and played together and schemed the pranks that added zest to college life. Paul Fletcher, Hanson Thrower, W. C. Fountain, Day Edge, Piggy Bryan, Morris Yearty, Watson and Winton Lawler, the McMullen twins, big Sankey Stephens, Milton Smith, Austin Dobson, Jack Piner, Russell Mickler, Ham Baskin, Red Kennedy, Ray Ferguson, Fatty Platt, Haygood Russ, Ducky Mills, Billy Knight, Orion Feaster, Oscar Rice, Louis McReynolds, Beatty Griffith, Burleson, the coach, Collins, Sanchez, Jordan, Fussell, Patterson, Summers, Carlton—memory indeed begins to falter when I try to remember all those fellows who were there. I wonder where they all are now—I wonder how many of us would recognize one another if we were brought together again in a reunion! Then the girls—I find it harder still to give names to all the faces that come clearly back to mind after all these years: Jessie Key, Bena Collins, Mildred Sanford, Bertha Edge, Winnie Hartman, Dorothy Bates, Juanita Pipkin, Alma Cecil—it is no use; I can see them all parading the paths of memory, but their names have gone beyond recall. I wonder where they, too, are. Happy and contented matrons, perhaps, some with sons or daughters of their own in college now, it may be.

I have seen few of my old classmates since I left Southern, and those few only by chance, although there is one who lives in the same town where I live—Morris Yearty, one of the best

athletes Southern produced. If I wanted to write any of my old classmates now, I doubt if I could properly address more than three so that a letter would reach them.

### LIFE DIFFERENT THEN

Life at Southern back in 1910 was undoubtedly vastly different from what the boys and girls at Lakeland find it now. At Sutherland, we had no diversions other than college routine. Not one of the students had so much as a bicycle to get around on, because smooth roads then were practically unknown and the automobile was still in its infant stages of development. Radios were unknown and moving pictures were in the nickel-odeon stage. The world has come a long way since my days at Southern, and I have no doubt student life now is equally different. Back in those days, we even regarded football as something the college could not even afford to consider.

My mind turns now to our professors. I can see them all, so few in number to instruct the large body of students that filled their classrooms: Dr. Hilburn, the college president; Professor Baugh, who taught commercial subjects; Russell, history and literature; Miss Griffith, Latin; Kinsinger, Greek and algebra; Cecil, advanced mathematics; Platt, physics; Hopson, foreign languages; Mora, music; Tortorici, art; McMullen, Bible and preparation for the ministry—I fail again to recall them all, but they were a grand bunch of professors.

All the girls had rooms and remained strictly in the big dormitory which adjoined the administration building. The huge dining room, with the sections on each side for boys and girls, was in the big dormitory, but we marched in at meal time and marched right out when we finished eating. We couldn't even speak to the girls openly. There was a main dormitory for boys, Southern Hall, down near the railroad track, right across the street from Baker's store and W. C. Fountain's little novelty shop with which he paid his way through a ministerial course. Students, however, overflowed this dormitory and were quartered wherever rooms were available. We had the freedom of the countryside during the afternoon, but had to report for supper, and then be in our rooms at seven o'clock for a two-hour study period, with lights out at nine-thirty. But many times after that hour there were surreptitious visits to nearby orange groves as well as to Tarpon Springs.

Nothing much happened to lighten the routine of those days. The outstanding events of the time I was there were the building of a new brick gymnasium, the fatal fight between two Spanish students who quarreled over the difference in meaning between the word "angry" and "mad," the sudden death of one of the Carlton brothers, the death of Professor Hopson, the romantic early morning wedding of one of the senior girls to a former student, and a score of lesser events which at the time caused considerable excitement but which, seen now from a distance of twenty-four years, were nothing at all.

The gym, first occupied in 1911, was Southern's first athletic building. Previous to its construction, all games and practice were on outdoor courts. Basketball was featured. Baseball was the only other sport. There were no track meets or other competition.

### "TRUNK SOCIALS"

Social life at Southern then was limited to an occasional "trunk social." These were always on a Saturday evening, and at the conclusion of supper, Dr. Hilburn would announce that social privileges would be permitted for one hour. During that time the boys and girls were permitted to mingle freely, but not leave the veranda. These events were always known in advance and most of the boys managed to have a "date" pre-arranged. It was the custom for the various girls to move trunks to spots on the long veranda and she and her boy friend perched there during the hour. There was never a dance or other formal social affair of any kind permitted.

Yet, staid as all that was, we enjoyed it, and life was full of fun and the joy of living. We were all young, unsuspecting the cares of life and work that we have long since learned to know so well, and today all of us who were Southern students in those far-back years, remember that time as the happiest of our lives. We would all go back and live it again if we could.



## NEW DORMITORY

Dr. Lawler, President Hilburn and A. C. Clewis, as a committee of trustees, were appointed June 21, 1910, to make preparations for the building of a dormitory for men. This structure, built of concrete blocks, was finished a few months later, and a steam heating plant was installed.

Said the report of the trustees in regard to this project: "With the assistance of Bishops Morrison and Kilgo and Dr. Dickey, together with the hearty co-operation of the presiding elders and pastors, we were enabled to secure subscriptions for this purpose, amounting to more than \$21,000."

A water tank, made of cypress and having a capacity of 15,000 gallons, was erected on a fifty-foot steel tower near the dormitory for men, and a twenty-five-acre tract of land adjoining the campus was purchased at a cost of \$1,500.

"Our enrollment for the past year," said the report of the trustees in December, 1910, "exceeded that of any in the history of the college, while indications now point to an increased attendance for the present school year. We regard this as especially gratifying in view of the increasing prestige claimed for state schools.

"At our annual commencement last May, there were issued to thirty-seven students, who had met the requirements of our advanced curriculum, diplomas and certificates of graduation from the several departments of the school.

"Our present faculty consisting of twenty-one, of whom a large portion are in the college proper, are men and women of a high degree of culture and supreme consecration to the duties which the church has laid upon them.

"No less than twenty young men are now studying for the ministry."

Twenty-eight degrees and certificates were awarded to students at commencement exercises in May, 1911. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Congressman S. M. Sparkman, and the honorary degree of doctor of divinity upon Rev. Ira S. Patterson, Rev. T. J. Nixon and Rev. L. W. Moore.

New faculty names appearing in the catalogue issued in the summer of 1911 were W. H. Russell, English language and literature; O. D. Wagner, history and political economy; D. L. Guy, adjunct professor of English; W. A. Sanford, adjunct professor of history; Mrs. Nannie P. Kinsinger, preparatory department; Miss Katharine Freeman Deitz, stringed instruments; George Saclarides, art; Mrs. Lucy B. Conrad, lady principal and matron of the dining room; Miss F. A. Sanford, matron of the dormitory for men; George E. Summers, librarian; Miss Nora Morgan, office stenographer; Harry Moore, director of the gymnasium and basketball teams; and A. O. Burleson, coach of the baseball teams.

It was at this period that Southern began to engage more extensively in intercollegiate athletics, including football, basketball and baseball.

## EDGE FIRST FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

L. Day Edge, of Groveland, son of E. E. Edge, a former speaker of Florida's house of representatives, and a former state senator, was elected captain of Southern's first football team. He was a leader in other student activities, and, during the years that have intervened since his student days, he has been a loyal supporter of his Alma Mater, joining his splendid father in liberal contributions.

Trustees during 1911-1912, the final year of President Hilburn's administration, were: S. W. Lawler, chairman; D. A. Cole, secretary; J. P. Hilburn, J. B. Ley, L. W. Moore, I. S. Patterson, J. A. Hendry, T. J. Nixon, W. C. Richardson, H. D. Bassett, C. W. Smith, J. B. Mitchell, A. C. Clewis, L. J. Cooper, J. C. Little, D. C. McMullen, J. E. Hendry and J. I. Watkins.

President Hilburn resigned after a remarkably successful administration, but was persuaded to continue in direct service to the college by acting as financial agent.

## PRESIDENT CLIFTON BEGINS

Dr. W. L. Clifton was elected on May 17, 1912, to succeed President Hilburn.

Dr. Clifton, after graduation from the University of Mississippi and the University of Nashville, attended Columbia University for the degree of doctor of philosophy. Before being elected to the presidency of Southern, he served as president of Carrollton College and Grenada College, spending eight years at the latter institution.

Concerning President Clifton, Bishop Charles B. Galloway said: "I regard President Clifton as an unusually equipped educator of the best Christian type," and described him as being a "cultured, gentlemanly and laudably ambitious" man.

Trustees who served during President Clifton's two-year administration were: Dr. T. J. Nixon, chairman; A. C. Clewis, vice-chairman; Dr. S. W. Lawler, secretary; L. N. Pipkin, treasurer; Rev. D. A. Cole, Rev. J. B. Mitchell, Rev. J. B. Ley, Dr. Ira S. Patterson, Rev. George F. Scott, Rev. J. A. Hendry, Dr. L. W. Moore, Dr. J. P. Hilburn, E. E. Edge, H. D. Bassett, J. M. Lee, T. J. Watkins, J. E. Hendry, L. J. Cooper, R. H. Johnson, Dr. W. C. Richardson, I. S. Giddens, J. C. Little, J. J. Eldridge and D. C. McMullen.

The faculty announced in the catalogue for 1912-1913, included President Clifton, mental and moral philosophy; L. E. Hinkle, English language and literature; E. W. McMullen, mathematics; J. N. Platt, science; Miss Mary Allen Griffith, Latin language and literature; Miss Jeannette E. Carter, modern languages; O. D. Wagner, Bible, history and political economy; W. H. Funk, principal of the academy; Henry W. Limper, first assistant; Garfield Evans, second assistant; Miss Anna Dickinson, third assistant; Miss Lela Mae Cecil, preparatory department; Emil Koeppel, head of the



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department of music; Mrs. Marian B. Clifton, voice; Miss Bessie Cecil, piano; Miss Dorothea Moremen, stringed instruments; W. C. Baugh, head of the commercial department; Miss Florence Belle Ogg, expression; Miss Jessie C. Sutton, art and painting; Mrs. Maggie T. Baugh, domestic art; Mrs. Lucy B. Conrad, lady principal and matron of the dining room; Mrs. Bessie Cecil, matron of the dormitory for women; Garfield Evans, librarian; Miss Nora Morgan, stenographer to the president; Harry Moore, director of the gymnasium and coach of the basketball teams; and A. O. Burleson, coach of the baseball teams.

In their report to the conference in Tampa in December, 1912, the trustees said: "Dr. W. L. Clifton last May succeeded Dr. Hilburn to the presidency. He came to us highly recommended as a school man of experience, of effective executive ability and of splendid Christian character; a man well fitted to do the work now at Southern College. His work at the college so far, fully justifies the endorsements given him by his acquaintances in other states and by those who were closely associated with him in his administration of the affairs of other institutions, and also meets the expectations of the board of trustees of Southern College. We ask for him the complete confidence and hearty co-operation of the pastors and people of the conference.

#### 265 STUDENTS

"The enrollment at the close of school in May, 1912, was 265. The enrollment for this term to date is between 175 and 180. Such a falling off in enrollment almost always accompanies a change in the officers and teachers of a school. The decrease at this year's change, however, is said to be not so great as was the case five years ago, which, in our opinion, argues that the institution, as such, is more firmly entrenched in the hearts of our people."

One year later, the board of education, reporting to the conference in regard to the condition of the college, said: "We have for some years been compelled to incur obligations for needed improvements, and these have proved a serious handicap to us in the extension of our work, but the board learns, with genuine pleasure, that the board of trustees has inaugurated a scheme which not only promises to raise the debt, but to render very material financial aid to the college."

Faced with the problem of debt, the trustees had voted in July, 1912, to issue twenty-year bonds in the amount of \$20,000, with J. M. Harvey, of Tampa, as trustee. The Sutherland Development Company was formed and a considerable portion of the college land was sold. Individual pledges of money were sought, and the trustees set the example by pledging and giving liberally.

The trustees still were grappling with their financial problem when President Clifton ended his administration in 1914. Upon leaving Southern, he did educational work in Bartow, and later was

president of a wholesale drug business in Tennessee for five years. He was killed a few years ago by a business associate, who immediately committed suicide. Friends who knew President Clifton intimately have described him as a man who was sincere, honest and intelligent, a man of remarkable intellectual power.

#### MRS. WALLACE RIGGINS RECALLS

It is appropriate to include here a paper of reminiscences written at the request of the author by Mrs. Wallace Riggins (formerly Miss Mary Conrad) of Lakeland, a former Southern student. It follows:

Incomparable as to beauty and challenging Venetian skies, Clearwater Bay and the Gulf of Mexico majestically cradle Hog Island upon the lap of the cloud-strewn western horizon. Taut sails of small craft studded upon the sapphire jewel of the bay, richly emboss the overhung sky where shades of royal purple fade into opalescent splendor. In silhouette, an island slashes the riotous backwash with fronded palms and verdant mesquite. Ever and anon, lashing waves etch this masterpiece in landscape.

Indelibly imprinted upon my mind is this ever-changing scene from the long, spacious veranda of the dormitory for women of Southern College, at Sutherland, where I spent nine of the happiest and most educational years of my life, from 1912 to 1921.

#### PIG ISLAND

Recall with me, colleagues, the lure of the long, narrow dock (where many troths were plighted) leading to funny little Pig Island, overgrown with pungent marsh grass and prickly pears. At commencement one year, a special favor was granted six boys and their dates to go walking on this dock, by moonlight, with two visiting mothers as chaperones. The dock fell in, so did the chaperones and students. It was then that romance was liquidated. George Summers and Grace Grable were sitting on the dock and they were victims. George rescued his new hat before he rescued his Grace. She married him, though, (yet, some say times have changed). The long walk up to the dormitory and the reaction of the faculty is one thing I have tried to forget.

Do you remember the little wood depot where Mr. J. M. Rhea (deceased) welcomed new students and aided the old students in many thoughtful ways?

#### MISS BAKER'S PLACE

Thrill again over the occasions when we visited "Miss Baker's Ice Cream Parlor," where we were never allowed to spend more than twenty-five cents a week. Here, co-eds met, perchance or by arrangement. A chaperone always accompanied all girls. Bert Baker's music and versatility provided the entertainment.

The bi-weekly walks, en masse, with chaperones at the head and foot of lines, recall the day that a passing train severed the group and the unchaperoned crowd was campused for a week and greatly humiliated, for waving to two unknown youths on the train. Such lack of dignity!

Forever will I walk cautiously, on account of skinning all my heels on the circular boardwalk leading from the north to the south gate by the dormitory, where nightly, after dinner, in groups of four and eight, we exercised, and blended our voices in glee club airs and lovelorn hits. Such gaiety!

Orient with me the unforgettable "social hours," when co-eds met and sat on dusty trunks that lined the main hallway, oblivious to comfort or time, as romance lurked everywhere.

Recall the unspeakable beauty of the dormitory for women, on a moonlight night with its corner minarets and picturesque cupola piercing, in stiletto fashion, the moon-rifted clouds. In the larger cupola, girls who could escape the vigil of the night

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watchman and hall duty teachers, "stole, as Arabs," with their pallets, here to hold "feast" and write amorous letters by moonlight. Veritable ecstasy!

Who does not recall the rickety old stile over the concrete fence by the administration building, where pretense was made at studying—yes, studying—but what?

On afternoon walks past the dormitory for men, girls kept their heads to the front but their eyes were cast side-ways. The age of modesty, my dears. Glances toward the dormitory for men and the barber shop were quite taboo!

Recall the years that the corridors of the dormitory for women echoed with footsteps on bare floors, which were later transformed into cultural beauty in interior decoration.

Dear Dr. Hilburn, so vibrant, then in his prime, with his beautiful wife, and son, Oscar, lived in the presidential quarters. Venerable Professor Cecil, (deceased), professor of mathematics, and Mrs. Cecil, matron of the dormitory for women, lived with their daughters and son in the dormitory also. Bessie, Lela, Alma and Marvin Cecil were outstanding in campus circles and have added zest to Southern's tradition. Mrs. Cecil found castor oil a healing agent for Sunday sickness. Then, students had to attend church services three times.

Turn back the pages of time and recall:

Professor Tortorici, eminent Italian artist, gentleman, with waxed Van Dyke, whose paintings still adorn the art galleries and private collections of art connoisseurs of America.

Professor Carlo Mora, (deceased), former member of the Chicago Opera Company, who in musical reverie and original composition, basked in Italy's sunny skies, his native land. Slothful pupils of his still bear signs on their knuckles of his rigid discipline and enforcement of correctness.

### DR. JENKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT

Professor I. C. Jenkins, the vice-president of the college and a friend to every student, interested himself in pleasurable activities for the students. Many long-remembered boat trips to Anclote Island and elsewhere were due to his planning. The big moment of the year came with bids (dates, then) for these events, which surpassed in pleasure all other social reveries. Glamour and romance are interwoven into the weather-worn "his and her" names carbed in hearts on the trunks of sturdy trees, and remain sentinels of memory on these islands.

Southern then had an academy where pre-high school students enrolled. My brother, Thomas, and I enrolled in this section and outstanding tutors I recall were Professor C. E. Kinsinger, Dr. Funk (deceased), Professor Garfield Evans, Miss Eva Barclay and Miss Rose McMullen. Mrs. Ennie Lucas Bass was the loved matron of the dormitory for women following Mrs. Cecil.

My mother, better known to students as "Connie," taught all the foreign students English, acted as matron of the dining room, and was lady principal over approximately two hundred girls, besides doing as she chose, in idle moments, for a period of several years. She remained at Southern ten years.

Glee club tours and basketball trips served as great social stimuli, as Sutherland afforded only the pleasures and avocations that were in the college. Occasionally, students with urgent needs were allowed to go to Clearwater or St. Petersburg by train, with a chaperone, in order to shop. Annually, if one could afford such luxury, he might trip to Tampa, with three hours each way for traveling time, by dirt roads.

When there were no boys present, girls were allowed to swim in the bay, if properly attired with long hose, etc. Wall Springs, two miles away, was the happy picnic ground for Monday holidays, where we often walked and carried our lunch. Occasionally, the school had a picnic there, but no co-ed swimming was allowed.

### CRYSTAL BEACH

Do you recall "Seaside," since named Crystal Beach, where Professor Koeppe, music director, and his wife, walked daily and took students on sailing trips? Claire Farmer, Barr Watkins, Tall Wagner and I, late one afternoon, while sailing, were lost in a fog and floated. Becoming terror-stricken, we anchored about dark and decided we were in the Gulf stream. When the fog lifted, we were fifty feet from shore.

If you were fortunate enough to be a senior, I am sure that you remember with great pleasure the beautiful receptions and dinners tendered the graduating class, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Wills, faithful friends of Southern.

Later, Dr. Clifton acted as president of the college and was followed by the splendid and loved executive, Dr. R. H. Alderman (deceased), who, with the aid of his efficient wife, redecorated the college and made of it a lovely cultural home and community center.

### BOAT TRIP

Students of that era will never cease to remember the boat trip for the entire student body, on a chartered steamer. Upon the return after a pleasant day, just at sunset, the engine broke down three miles from shore and the student body and chaperones remained all night on board. Old faithfuls, Louis McReynolds and Harper Wilson, (afterwards military aide to General Pershing in the World War), swam to shore for help, with all paired-off students imploring the fates that the swimmers be detained. Such a night no chaperone forgets. Drowsy waters, twinkling stars, co-eds everywhere.

### EDITOR J. H. DANIEL

Helping J. H. Daniel edit *The Southern* every month was great. Never to be forgotten are some of the teachers during those years who included Miss Letha Jones, scholar, traveler, connoisseur of art and music, who was instructor in education, and whose awakening of students' dormant ambitions has made of her influence a priceless treasure; Miss Jessie Sutton, whose art class was a place where students were diligent and were continually finding hidden beauties in nature; Miss Jeanette Carter (deceased) instructor of languages, whose beautiful life and example have made her influence immortal to all students who were privileged to know her intimately; Professor C. E. McMullen, who was loved and respected by every student; Miss Mary Griffith, who knew her Latin; Miss Allen, lady principal, the object of much levity from students, but splendid as to discipline; Professor and Mrs. A. G. Vredenburg and their daughter, Miss Helen Vredenburg, who trained many young people to splendid musicianship. The cultural fireside of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson (deceased), of Ozona, was the social center for Lois and Harper's friends, where beautifully appointed meals were served.

Wesley Alderman coached his athletic teams and his wife taught dramatics.

### EROLETHEANS

Rush week for the girls' literary societies, Erothean and Sigma Delta, and the boys' societies, Phi Sigma and Philomathean, was full of pep. Rushing was done mainly by persuasion. Outstanding fellow-Erotheans that come to my mind and who enrolled during all the years previously mentioned, include Lulu Greer, Edna Fussell, Genevieve Douth, Roberta Cason (deceased), Lottie and Lola Lawler, Frances Bond (Mrs. James A. McKay, Tampa), Frances Clark (Wall Springs), Lavinia Canter (Mrs. Asa C. Lewis, Fort Meade), Gwendolyn Canter (Mrs. Edgar Brown, Fort Meade), Bena Collins (Mrs. J. S. Allen, Umatilla), Dorothy Bates (Mrs. G. S. Thomson, Tampa), Faith Drew (deceased), Willard Culpepper (the only student known who had presence of mind to dress beautifully while the dormitory was on fire), Hallie Lee, Gertrude Scott (daughter of Professor George F. Scott), Claire Farmer (Mrs. Paul Strother, Mount Sterling, Ky.), Margaret Kilgore (Mrs. George Childers, Lakeland), Ouida Knight (Mrs. Claude Strother, Huntington, W. Va.), Peggy Duke (Mrs. L. D. Edge, Groveland), Aloe Everton (Mrs. Russell Wilson, Beloit, Wis.), Louise Cloud (Mrs. George Mosely, Lakeland), Flora Key (deceased), Alice Patterson and Lucille Watson (Mrs. Herman Watson, Lakeland).

### SIGMA DELTAS

Sigma Deltas I recall were Floy Cecil (Mrs. Fred Langford, Tampa), Sula Gattis (Mrs. Robert Prinz, Frostproof), Juanita Pipkin (Mrs. O. O. Feaster, St. Petersburg), Eunice Pipkin (Mrs. Zerny Barnes, Lakeland), Grace and Annette Walker, clever and original girls who started the fad of bang cutting and bobbed hair, much to the displeasure of the faculty, Sarah Young, Jessica and Christine Stout (the latter Mrs. Garfield Evans, Tavares).



PHI SIGMAS

Phi Sigmas: Day Edge, Harry Collins, Jack Piner, Orion O. Feaster, Barr Watkins, Carl Calbert, Billy Bolden, Rodney Wilson (deceased), Jim Shannon, Warr and Wint Lawler, Clarence Carlton, Jim Rast, Billy Knight (deceased), Thomas W. Conrad, Livy (deceased) and J. W. Rast, Otis Davenport, Red Kennedy, O. E. Rice, J. H. Daniel, Claude and Paul Strorher, Karl Koestline, George Summers, Rip King, George Childers, S. A. Wilson, Carter Hardin, Merry Steed (deceased) and George King.

PHILOMATHEANS

Some prominent Philomatheans were Marvin Cecil, Oscar Hilburn, W. C. Fountain, Paul Fletcher, Ray Howland, Marvin DuPont, W. A. Fischer and Millard Stanton.

Perhaps some of these names are mis-spelled, due to my memory, but it is pleasant to reflect upon the congeniality of all the students mentioned.

Residing in Lakeland since my marriage, it has been my great privilege to meet at Southern, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ropp, the latter a daughter of Dr. S. W. Walker, a former president, and

also Professor George F. Scott, who has been affiliated with the college for many years. Mention must be made, too, of good old faithful Will Stewart, the colored man who has served the institution long and well, and continues here. His desire is to be buried in some remote spot on the campus. A touching tribute!

As a student teacher two years at Southern, memories of several other teachers during that period come to my mind. Professor F. T. Long came to Lakeland when the college moved here, and Miss Florence Ostrander (deceased), Mrs. Helen Forsythe, Mrs. Julia Sims, loved matron, Misses Eva and Ethel Keyser, Mr. C. E. Harley and Mr. Brownie Fulton are in various other colleges continuing their work in education.

Students who have since attended Southern here and were previously students of mine in the elementary model school, include Mildred Chaires, Rhenus Alderman and Robert Dieffenwierth.

The channels of memory and loyalty flow deeper and it is always with pride and devotion that I recount my sunny hours and years at my Alma Mater, Southern. Friendships of those years remain imperishable







## FIRES, STORMS AND COURAGE

**T**HE ELEVEN-YEAR administration of President Rhenus Hoffard Alderman, remarkably successful in many respects, was marked by several dramatic episodes, including two fires, two storms, an epidemic of influenza, and the removal of the college on two occasions—from Sutherland (now Palm Harbor) to Clearwater Beach and later to Lakeland.

No period in Southern's history has demanded greater fortitude than those years of President Alderman's administration. Although he had the enthusiastic support of members of the Methodist Conference and many other friends during the greater part of his administration, he, nevertheless, faced dark moments when it seemed a matter of impossibility to keep the institution open. But he met these adversities with profound faith and resourcefulness, inspiring in those about him a determination to carry on despite recurring ill winds.

Those who dealt to any extent with President Alderman remember him as a sincere man. He spent much time on details which he thought most conducive to the welfare of faculty and students, for he was conscientious. He was a patient and firm president, and spent many hours in thoughtful reading in order that his chapel messages might be always fresh, inspiring and enlightening. He frequently used the words "higher and better things of life" in his addresses. He wanted the campus environment to serve as an elevating influence upon every student who enrolled, and was, in this respect an invincible idealist.

He was a stalwart, dignified and handsome man, being six feet two inches tall and weighing more than two hundred pounds. He was a commanding figure on the platform, but he never spoke loudly. He delivered his statements with a voice comparatively soft, and had a levity that was restrained and effective. In informal discourse, he had an indulgent, merry chuckle that kept repartee on a pleasant level.

Never a fiery and sweeping public speaker, he was, nevertheless, persuasive, for he was a clear thinker who expressed himself in earnest. He never could have reasonably been charged with inconsistency or deception.

A native Floridian, he was born at Lithia, on December 9, 1881, a son of Hiram and Sarah Jane Gallagher Alderman. He attended Southern when it was the Florida Conference College at Leesburg. After four years there, he left, in 1901, to attend Emory College, at Oxford, Georgia, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904. He was principal of the high school in Harrilson, Georgia, 1904-05, after which he

returned to serve two years on the faculty at Southern, which had then been removed to Sutherland. He was professor of science both years, and vice-president during the second year.

He was only twenty-six years old when, in 1907, he went to Russell College, Lebanon, Virginia, to serve two years as president. From there he went directly to Morris Harvey College, Barboursville, West Virginia, where he was president five years. He left there in 1914 to accept the presidency of Southern. His graduate work included extensive studies at Columbia University and Denver University. He married Jane Katheryne Purnell, of Paris, Kentucky, May 22, 1906. Their only child, Rhenus Hoffard, Jr., received his college training at Southern, later attending Washington and Lee to study law.

### SERVED ELEVEN YEARS

President Alderman's eleven years at Southern gave him the longest administration that any president of Southern has had. He went from Southern to Atlanta, where he engaged in business awhile before accepting the presidency of Logan College, at Russellville, Kentucky, a small institution which later fell into financial straits and was forced to close its doors. He then went to Chicago to engage in business again, and later moved to Tampa, Florida, where he died May 11, 1933. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and served with much credit as president of the Lakeland Rotary Club.

Southern's finances were at a low ebb when President Alderman began his administration in 1914, and there was need for immediate repairs to the buildings. He was authorized to spend \$4,000 on improvements, but soon after the work was begun, it was seen that much more money would be needed. This work eventually amounted to \$12,355.

Two notes amounting to \$18,500 were due on December 1, 1913. To meet these obligations, the trustees sought and received from the conference permission to sell as much of the college land as could be spared. This land was sold to the Sutherland Development Company for \$38,500, of which \$18,500 was paid in cash. The remaining \$20,000 was covered by stock in the company.

The total indebtedness was \$16,741.66 when the trustees, presided over by Rev. J. B. Mitchell, met in Lakeland, December 7, 1914. This included, according to examination of the original minutes, \$5,000 borrowed on the stock which had been accepted as part payment for land, but an itemized statement included in the report of the board of education to the conference a few days later in



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Fort Myers shows the total indebtedness to have been \$20,846.85. Notes receivable amounted to \$2,072.72.

An enrollment of 136 students was reported at that session of the conference, with prospects for an encouraging increase. There were twenty faculty members.

#### WALL ELECTED TRUSTEE

J. Edgar Wall, now postmaster of Tampa, was elected to membership on Southern's board of trustees December 9, 1914, at a meeting held in Fort Myers during conference week. He has been a trustee ever since that date, manifesting with distinction and credit a warm interest in Southern's welfare. He is now chairman of the trustees, an honor which was voted to him several years ago. He has always modestly expressed a willingness to step aside in favor of some more capable member, but has always been re-elected by unanimous vote. He has never been without the full confidence and respect of his fellow-trustees. His common sense and business judgment have helped the college through perplexing times, and his rollicking humor has relieved tension among the trustees on more than one occasion.

Mr. Wall had been a member of the board only a few months when he was elected vice-chairman of the group. This honor was voted to him at the meeting held at Sutherland, May 21, 1915. Rev. J. B. Mitchell, chairman; Rev. J. B. Ley, secretary, and J. M. Harvey, treasurer, were re-elected. It was at this meeting that steps were taken to prevent removal of the Sutherland depot. Judge H. C. Gordon, who had been invited to be a guest at that meeting, discussed the legal phase of the matter, and a resolution was adopted for presentation to the State Railroad Commission. The trustees appointed on the depot committee included J. B. Mitchell, J. P. Hilburn, T. J. Nixon, A. C. Clewis and J. Edgar Wall. President Alderman also was made a member of the committee. They succeeded in keeping the depot at this location near the dormitory for men for several years, but it finally was removed to a point about half-way between Sutherland and Ozona.

President Alderman, in an oral report, said he had had a delightful first year, members of the faculty and the students having cooperated splendidly to foster a wholesome spirit on the campus. There was a small deficit in operating expenses, and announcement was made that the general board of education had pledged \$1,000 to be used in meeting expenses of the succeeding school year. In order to provide for still more money, however, an educational campaign for each presiding elder's district was voted for the summer, President Alderman and Dr. Isaac C. Jenkins, secretary of the conference board of education, to cooperate in the program.

Bishop H. C. Morrison was present to speak at length about Southern's possibilities and to urge

that every cooperation be given President Alderman in his effort to bring about a substantial increase in enrollment.

After voting to increase President Alderman's salary from \$1,800 to \$2,000, the trustees adopted the following resolution: "We note with appreciation the earnestness, faithfulness and efficiency of Dr. Alderman in his work as president of the college, and we note with special pleasure that he has been ably assisted by his charming and accomplished wife."

Dr. Hilburn, R. H. Johnson and J. W. Rast were appointed a committee on buildings and grounds.

#### MORE STUDENTS

An enrollment increase of thirty-six students was reported by President Alderman in his message to the conference on December 14, 1915. This gave the college a total enrollment of 166.

"The boys' dormitory is full, and we have eight boys in rented rooms," President Alderman reported. "We need the unfinished wing of the dormitory completed. The foundation is laid, part of the wall is up, and there is sufficient stone already made to finish the building. With the wing completed, we will have ample room for years."

"The policy of the institution recognizes the purpose for which it was founded and gives fundamental principles of Christianity first place. In February a revival was held which resulted in reaching practically every student in the college. The religious organizations are doing excellent work. The Bible takes first place in the curriculum and full credit is given for the work done in this department."

"Let me say that the building of an institution can not be accomplished in a day. It takes faith, sacrifice, service and patience. Those things that are sacred and dear to us can be safeguarded only through the medium of education. One thing very encouraging is the harmony prevailing in the board of trustees, the faculty and the conference. I hear no complaints, and everyone who comes in close touch with the faculty and students is impressed with the simplicity, yet refined and cultured home-like atmosphere of the college life."

The indebtedness then was approximately \$25,000. In order to meet this accumulation of obligations, the trustees recommended that the board of education make the assessment not less than \$12,500 for 1916, this to include the \$2,090 assessed by the general board. There was also a recommendation that a commissioner of education be appointed to act with President Alderman "in the interest of a great publicity campaign, and the soliciting of patronage and funds, as he may be directed." Rev. W. G. Fletcher was appointed to do this work.

Gratitude was expressed to D. F. Conoley for his effort to develop and sell certain land at Sutherland

in which the college was interested to a considerable extent. It was pointed out that the sale of this land in small parcels, according to Mr. Conoley's plan, would eventually bring in more money for the college and attract more residents whose children would be enrolled as students.

Dr. Hilburn presented a memorial at the trustee meeting on December 12, which read as follows: "The Tallahassee District Conference hereby memorializes the board of trustees of Southern College that they request the president to discontinue intercollegiate games."

The memorial was given consideration, but there was not sufficient opposition to the intercollegiate program to bring about a change in policy then. Indeed, it was not long before the intercollegiate athletic program was expanded.

#### TRUSTEES AND FACULTY

The membership of the board of trustees at that time included Rev. J. B. Mirchell, chairman; J. Edgar Wall, vice-chairman; Rev. J. B. Ley, secretary; J. M. Harvey, treasurer; Dr. T. J. Nixon, Rev. S. W. Lawler, L. N. Pipkin, E. E. Edge, Rev. D. A. Cole, A. C. Clewis, F. D. Jackson, R. H. Johnson, Rev. J. A. Hendry, Dr. L. W. Moore, Dr. J. P. Hilburn, H. D. Bassett, J. M. Lee, Rev. G. F. Scott, J. W. Rast, Rev. W. G. Fletcher and W. E. Martin.

The faculty included Charles C. Hatley, vice-president and professor of physics; Letha M. Jones, professor of education and psychology; Frank T. Brown, professor of chemistry; Francis Taylor Long, professor of English; W. W. Pinson, professor of mathematics; Mary Allen Griffith, professor of Latin; Garfield Evans, professor of biology; Stavros Sakellarides, professor of Greek; J. Lawton Moon, professor of Biblical literature; Emma M. de Chaboulon, professor of modern language; Walter O. Ropp, professor of commercial school; Ethel Keyser, instructor in English; Elbert M. Fulton, instructor in mathematics; Mrs. A. T. Forsyth, assistant in Biblical literature; Gertrude Scott, assistant in chemistry; Eva Keyser, assistant in education; Mary Conrad, assistant in education; Albert G. Vredenburg, head of the department of music; Mrs. R. H. Alderman, voice; Helen Vredenburg, instructor in piano and violin; Wilhelmina Holland, head of the department of expression; Florence Ostrander, instructor in domestic art; Mattie Ried Bohannon, instructor in art; W. W. Alderman, director of physical training for men; Ouida Knight, practice preceptress.

Professor Hatley is remembered as a tall, genial, brilliant bachelor, who enjoyed great popularity among both the faculty and the students. He later went to Princeton University.

Except for a brief interval during the World War, Professor Long was at Southern throughout most of President Alderman's administration. He had a soul for literature and a remarkable gift for inspiring his students to appreciative study. He was

a newspaper writer of ability, wrote many poems and essays and delivered stimulating addresses in chapel and before the various student organizations. He is living in New York City.

#### GARFIELD EVANS

Professor Evans, now a pastor in the Florida Conference, grew to manhood at Sutherland, received his first college training at Southern, and taught in the institution several years before entering another field for his church. He was known as a diligent, thorough student. As a teacher he was exacting but always fair. He served the Southern Methodist Church at headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, several years, and later went to Cuba as a missionary. He married Miss Christine Stout, a graduate of Southern and a former member of the faculty.

No member of the faculty was respected more than was Professor Moon. He was a devout man and an exemplary teacher. Many friends mourned his untimely death, which occurred near Cherbourg, France, February 22, 1919. He was born November 21, 1879, a son of J. L. and Elizabeth Thomas Moon. He was graduated with highest honors from Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, in 1903. After six months as a missionary at Santiago, Cuba, he joined the Florida Conference in 1904. He was appointed a city missionary in Jacksonville, where he married Miss Carrie Lewis Chappell, December 6, 1906, Rev. R. H. Barnett officiating. During his six years in Jacksonville, he built three churches and a chapel, and was later at Fort Meade, Clearwater, Bradenton and Southern. He also did much for the orphanage at Benson Springs. He embarked for France with the intention of serving in a religious capacity among the soldiers during the period of demobilization and reconstruction. A cerebral hemorrhage and acute dilation of the heart caused his sudden death early in the evening as his ship was reaching port. He was buried in St. Maria Cemetery, at Le Havre, February 24. The services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Keedy, who was assisted by several Y. M. C. A. secretaries. A squad of American soldiers accompanied the body to the cemetery and fired three volleys across the grave, after which a bugler sounded taps. His body later was brought to Fort Meade, Florida, as a final resting place.

#### WALTER O. ROPP

Professor Ropp, bursar and member of the faculty of business administration, is the oldest man in point of service on Southern's faculty. He joined Southern's staff in 1914, and left in 1918 to engage in business three years, after which he returned. His work as bursar has always been a model of neatness and accuracy. He is known for his poise, stability and agreeableness. Many faculty members and students have had the honor to be defeated by him in golf games. He is a son-in-law of Dr. S. W. Walker.



Professor Fulton returned to Southern for a short time after service in the army, and was coach of the football team in 1919, when Southern defeated the University of Florida, 7 to 0, at St. Petersburg, a sensational upset which was recorded in red paint on many billboards in the St. Petersburg and Sutherland area.

Miss Mary Conrad, who later became Mrs. Wallace Riggins, has been living in Lakeland several years. She is one of the most popular of Southern's former students and has been especially active in alumni work. Her mother, Mrs. Lucy B. Conrad, who was a matron and dietitian at Southern several years, was known affectionately by the students, especially the waiters, as "Ma" Conrad. Roland Shannon, now in charge of the orphanage at Benson Springs, a student at Southern in those days, was the handsome and courteous head waiter.

Always absorbed in his musical activities, Professor Vredenburg was a veritable institution within an institution. He was of slight stature, wore a short mustache and walked at a terrific speed. He played his violin on many public occasions, and had his students give recitals on alternating Saturday evenings.

#### MRS. ALDERMAN

Mrs. Alderman, always a charming hostess who sought to make the college a cultured home for the students, taught voice until her increasingly important duties as President Alderman's co-laborer forced her to forego her role as instructor. She attended Peabody Conservatory, and was a pupil of Carl Carson, of Denver Conservatory, and Delos Smith, of New York City. Throughout President Alderman's administration, she manifested a deep interest in all the affairs of the college, spending her energies to do whatever she thought best for the welfare of the faculty and students. Her excellent taste was reflected in campus social activities, public programs and many other phases of campus life. It was she who selected the elegant furnishings which were placed in the new buildings of the college in 1922, at Lakeland. She went about the campus almost daily, visiting the various departments and making suggestions whenever she deemed them necessary. It was in accordance with her wishes that the playing of jazz music was discouraged and men students were required to wear coats on the campus. She also stressed table etiquette and supervised social occasions. She contributed a great amount of social poise to the campus atmosphere.

Wesley W. Alderman, who had served as athletic director in the early part of his brother's administration, returned in 1922, after Southern's athletic program had been put aside by the confusion of fires and removals, and began to build the department anew. He did creditable work with the inexperienced players under his instruction, having complete charge of athletics until 1925. He is now director of recreation for the City of Lakeland.

Immediately upon beginning his administration, President Alderman did much to increase the academic standing of the school. He increased the number of faculty members, introduced new courses and emphasized supervised study during the evenings. The academy was operated along with the college department throughout his administration. The semester system was used.

A financial statement of the college, prepared December 1, 1915, follows: accounts payable, \$5,821.93; notes payable, \$11,871.79; obligations of board, \$11,642.00; salaries unpaid to January 20, 1916, \$5,161.90; estimated expense of dormitory to January 20, 1916, \$1,875.00; total \$36,372.62.

Resources—Accounts receivable, \$6,816.97; doubtful, \$576.86; dues from general board, \$500.00; notes receivable, \$1,772.12; supplies (store and pantry), \$1,186.00; cash, \$737.90; total, \$10,436.13. This report did not include \$2,500.00 borrowed from the board of education.

The fixed assets and liabilities at that time were as follows: real estate (25 acres at \$200), \$5,000; buildings (hall for women, \$75,000; hall for men, \$25,000; gymnasium, \$20,000; administration building, \$25,000; laundry and other small buildings, \$2,500), \$157,500; equipment for laboratories, etc., \$3,400; stock in Sutherland Land and Development Company, \$20,100; endowment, \$500; total, \$186,500. Liabilities (bills payable account buildings), \$6,400.

When the executive committee of the board of trustees met on April 10, 1916, at the DeSoto Hotel, in Tampa, they turned their attention to several bills demanding immediate payment. The commissioner of education, Rev. W. G. Fletcher, had not been in office long enough to obtain the necessary funds, so it was voted to borrow \$15,000. Insurance on the college plant was increased from \$29,000 to \$40,000, and a monthly sum of \$200 was voted to the commissioner of education for salary and traveling expenses.

President Alderman, in his report to the trustees on May 19, 1916, submitted figures to show what disposition had been made of the \$15,000 recently borrowed, and reported that the college had maintained its "B" grade of work. He told of a successful revival that had been held for the students, and called attention to the improved appearance of the campus. A cement fence, made possible through the generosity of A. C. Clewis, a member of the board, was then under construction, the landscape included more shrubbery and trees, and a tea room had been built for the Y. W. C. A.

#### THE TEA ROOM

This tea room, an attractive social center, built on the rustic bungalow style, is remembered by many former students as the scene of many happy occasions. Most of these occasions came on Saturday night, which was known as "date" or "social" night.

An auditor's report, submitted on May 18, 1916, stated: "Each special department of the college is in good condition, and, in the majority of cases, is being operated at a profit. In the regular departments, an especially good showing has been made in the operation of the dormitory, as this account shows a substantial gain, notwithstanding the fact that, while the cost of provisions has constantly increased, there has been no advance in the cost of board."

Furniture and fixtures aggregating \$10,923.57 were itemized as follows: dormitory for men, \$658.70; dormitory for women, \$1,416.11; gymnasium, \$578.50; dining room, \$1,280.59; infirmary, \$40; musical instruments, \$3,375; domestic science department, \$116; sundry items, \$1,198.52; chapel, \$674.65; commercial room, \$270.10; office, \$373.25; class rooms, \$363.50; tools and implements, \$64; pantry, \$275.50; kitchen, \$239.35.

Twelve notes listed as receivable amounted to \$1,175.49; and fourteen notes listed as payable amounted to \$23,147.26.

A report from the athletic department revealed that a football game played in Tampa with Rollins College cost \$158.80, while the receipts amounted to only \$26.50. A game played with the University of Havana (Cuba) in Tampa, cost \$696.89, and the receipts were \$440.

Total receipts for the basketball season were \$90.90, and expenditures were \$42.08.

President Alderman, in a report to the trustees on November 7, 1916, in Tampa, stated that the indebtedness of the school was a little more than \$36,000, explaining that assets, other than the buildings and grounds, amounted to approximately \$35,000 in the form of stock in the Sutherland Development Company.

Inasmuch as this stock was not then available as a cash asset, he was requested to suggest a plan for meeting what was regarded as an emergency. He suggested that the stock be disposed of at a reasonable discount if a purchaser could be found. If no purchaser could be found, he said, the plan to raise \$30,000 in the conference should be given full support. Rev. W. G. Fletcher, commissioner of education, reported that he had been able to raise \$7,000 in conditional pledges. Dr. Hilburn moved that the several districts of the conference be called upon to raise \$24,000 on the basis of an apportionment to be determined by a special committee consisting of the chairman of the board, the president of the college, the president of the board of education and the presiding elders. His motion was adopted.

A report from the board of trustees to the conference, dated December 9, 1916, and signed by J. B. Ley, secretary, sets forth several important facts concerning the condition of the college at that time. It follows:

"The action of the conference in the last two years in its liberal plannings for the school's support is bearing a wholesome fruitage in the increased patronage and greater confidence.

"Under Dr. R. H. Alderman's third year of faithful and efficient administration, it is becoming more and more manifest that the work done is real college work, and he is also impressing the importance of the institution on representative business men with whom he has become affiliated.

"The matriculations for the fall term of the present school year have been very gratifying, there being 180 to date, without counting doubles, 139 of whom are boarding in the institution. The increased enrollment has lessened materially the prospects of the usual annual deficit from operating expenses.

"In regard to our finances, however, it should be borne in mind that the present administration was met with an indebtedness of \$13,433.93, and that this indebtedness has been augmented during the past two and one-half years by \$15,844.22 expended for absolutely necessary repairs and furnishings. To this must be added an interest expense amounting to \$4,429.17; also a deficit in running expenses for the past two years of \$6,037.27 and \$6,500, by which we get \$15,400 in the Sutherland Development Company. Thus, it comes about that at present we face a crisis of accumulated obligations aggregating \$36,446.97, which can be offset by very little that may be regarded as assets immediately convertible into cash.

"It was reported at the last session of the conference that we had effected a sale of the college interests in the Sutherland Development Company. Later in the year, certain stockholders in said company, members of your board, who held \$8,900 in stock, agreed that if the college would acquire \$6,500 of treasury stock by lifting a loan in a similar sum thereon, they, the stockholders, would present to the college the amount of their holdings. This was done, and now the college has augmented its holdings by such sum as will make its present interest in the company amount to \$35,800, which sum is drawing six per cent interest.

"According to Mr. A. C. Clewis, a banker and prominent business friend of the school, this stock is worth 100 cents on the dollar. But for certain valid reasons it is not at present convertible into cash, and is therefore not available to meet emergencies that present themselves for our consideration.

"At our last conference you adopted the policy suggested by this Board of putting a special commissioner of education in the field, and requested the appointment of Rev. W. G. Fletcher to act as such commissioner. It was agreed that an effort be made to secure the sum of \$30,000, which, coupled with certain available resources, would, we felt, entirely clear the school of debt.

"Owing to the general financial stringency, the canvass put on at this time was only partially successful. Notwithstanding this fact we feel that our commissioner's excellent work in creating sentiment in favor of, and securing patronage for, the college, fully justified his selection and the additional expense incurred thereby.



"A commendable beginning was made in the work of securing the \$30,000, however, and the Board has decided, with your indorsement, to push it to a satisfactory conclusion. With this end in view, they ask the conference to authorize an educational special of \$24,000. They recommend a special educational committee."

Campaign workers, including Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of the general board of education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had scarcely begun their work to raise the \$24,000 when a freeze did extensive damage to crops and discouraged many of the prospective contributors. Consequently, only about \$12,000 was pledged, and only a little more than \$4,000 of this amount was collected.

Sale of college stock in the Sutherland Development Company reduced the indebtedness to \$19,463.69. Fifteen thousand dollars of this amount was a bonded debt in December, 1917, and it was estimated that for the remainder of the year there would be a deficit of between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

#### L. W. DUVAL

L. W. Duval, of Ocala, was nominated to membership on the board of trustees on December 6, 1916, and served several years as one of the most active members of that group.

President Alderman had scarcely begun his administration when European war news began to appear on the front pages of the newspapers. Finally, when the United States became involved, he found himself facing new problems which the changed American scene had forced upon many campuses. Inasmuch as the change was social as well as economic, new problems of discipline arose, and it was necessary to adjust the college organization in such a way as to meet new conditions effectively.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This upheaval was mentioned by President Alderman in his summarizing report to the trustees on May 22, 1917, in which he presented a comprehensive review of his work since his election in 1914. Inasmuch as this report sheds considerable light on the Southern of those interesting years, it is set forth here in full:

"I herewith submit to you my third annual report and ask you to give careful consideration to the facts presented.

"I do not believe that you have fully realized the difficult burden that I have had to carry these three years. I know it is the case with some, for you were not on the Board at the time I was elected president.

"It was not my judgment that led me to give up a good position and come to Southern College at the time I did. Those who know me, and have understood me since, realize that it was my love

for the college and desire to save, if possible, Florida Methodism the disgrace of having to admit that they could not maintain a college.

"It might be well to call to your attention the situation at the time of my election. There was a strong opposition to the administration in the conference. There was dissension in the faculty, and quite a number were suing the college for back salaries. The enrollment had dwindled down until there were less than fifty students. The buildings were dilapidated and even unsafe. Practically everyone had lost hope, and the president told me that I would not be able to open in September.

"I saw the situation, and, against the advice of friends, accepted the responsibility and went to work with all the energy and ability that I possessed.

"The college at that time owed \$13,433.93. Mr. Clewis loaned the college \$5,000, taking as collateral the \$20,000 stock in the Development Company Mr. Harvey let us have \$2,500, taking a mortgage on the college buildings. This did not even pay up the debts. The buildings had to be repaired and the summer campaign for students made. I finally succeeded in getting an additional loan of \$2,500 by shifting the mortgage from the Bank of Commerce to Mr. H. S. Frost, of Dunedin.

"To put the buildings in good condition was a more expensive undertaking than I had thought. I found, in addition to visible defects, that part of the foundation of the main buildings was decayed. The furniture, including the pianos, were in bad shape and had to be renewed. These things had to be replaced if we were to attempt to run the school. The buildings were repaired, the old furniture varnished up, and new put in where it was absolutely needed. Good, substantial furniture was bought, but nothing fancy. While the college had, in the past, furnished the president's apartment, I took this furniture and placed it in other parts of the building and furnished my own apartment in order to save expense to the college.

"I made the best campaign for students I could under the circumstances, and opened in the fall term with eighty-seven boarding students. The conference which met in December of that year placed an educational special of \$8,000 on the conference and asked the presiding elders to raise it. Only \$5,232.91 of this amount was raised. The Tampa, Bartow and Orlando districts paid in full, the Tallahassee and Jacksonville districts paid one-half, and the others very little. This paid very little more than interest, annuity and insurance. We have for a number of years been paying \$220 annuity.

"The second year we opened with 115 boarding students, and our deficit in running expenses was one-half of the first year. The conference of that year placed Rev. W. G. Fletcher in the field to raise \$30,000. His plan, which is known to you, did not succeed. He turned into the treasury \$200 in

cash. His salary and expenses amounted to \$2,923.30. Two thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars of this amount was paid out of the educational assessment, thus reducing our income from that source. Five hundred dollars was borrowed from the Bank of Commerce and paid to Mr. Fletcher. Fifty dollars was paid by the college, and a note of \$500 was given, leaving a balance due Mr. Fletcher of \$128.30. Paying \$2,295 out of our income and receiving only \$200 is in part responsible for our deficit this year. The two notes listed in the hursar's report have increased our indebtedness that much.

"Regardless of the failure of the campaign and the growing financial burden, we opened in September with 137 boarding students. The first semester's deficit was very small, due to the fact that groceries were purchased before the enormous advance in prices. This semester we have had to pay on an average of fifty per cent more for our groceries, and our deficit has grown each month. In addition to this, our interest has been heavy, and very little has been paid on the educational assessment.

"Not only has the enrollment increased each year, but a fine spirit has prevailed in the student body, and the faculty has been efficient, loyal and united. They have accepted the financial situation cheerfully and worked faithfully, though their salaries have been paid only in part.

"The war has had a very demoralizing effect upon the school. With the general unsettled conditions it has been hard to keep the students interested in their work. We have had more trouble with discipline in the last two months than in the previous two years.

"The financial situation has been the chief burden all the time. With this out of the way, notwithstanding the fact that we are engaged in a great war, I believe our attendance will be larger next year, or as large, anyway, as it has been this year.

"Two things have been accomplished for the school this year that will help us. We have been able to meet the new requirements for classification and retain our standard as a college. Another thing that will give the college prestige and draw pupils is the recognition of our work by the State Department of Education. Our work has been investigated by a committee, and our graduates will receive certificates to teach on the same basis as the state schools.

"In conclusion, if you can arrange the finances so that the work can continue without your president having to carry the burden that he has in the past, the teaching force can be reorganized in such a way as to cut down expenses. Under the circumstances, I am sure that the general board will not object, and we can hold our classification. Athletics will possibly be eliminated or put on a different basis in all the schools of the state. Special

physical training will be substituted and the gymnasium fee which has been going to athletics largely can be used so as to help supplement salaries. I think the institution can be run on \$2,000 less next year, without seriously affecting the efficiency of our work.

"If I were to follow my inclination and do the thing best for me and my family, I would resign and get from under the great burden which I am having to carry. Sometimes I think it is not worth the sacrifice I am having to make.

"There are three reasons why I should hate to see the work given up at this time. First, I have been responsible for a great many men extending the institution a very liberal credit. They have believed in me, and I am willing to make any sacrifice to see that they do not lose their money. Second, I have put money into the institution myself, and personally would be a heavy loser, considering my means, if the school were to close. Third, if ever there was a time when the church and state needed the school, it is at this time. The war has brought new and grave problems to us, and the great danger is when the smoke of battle is cleared away, and we are called upon to meet the new problems that will confront us in our social, political, financial and moral life. The famous Ordinance of 1787 stated a fundamental truth when it stated that religion is essential to good government. Unless our people are given that moral and spiritual training which will give them the correct idea of the responsibilities and obligations, we may well fear the final outcome of the new order that will be thrust upon us."

This straightforward report undoubtedly served to reassure the trustees that they had at the head of the institution a man who was determined to keep it going against all odds, an inspired leader who had his moments of discouragement, but who was not willing to yield to adversity and close an institution that held such great promise.

The economic situation was becoming more perplexing every day, however, and President Alderman and the trustees were turning from one plan to another in an effort to carry on. They held an emergency meeting at the DeSoto Hotel, in Tampa, on June 29, 1917, and discussed several possible measures of relief. Finally, F. D. Jackson moved that A. C. Clewis be appointed fiscal agent for the college, with authority to raise money on securities then held. At a meeting held on the succeeding day, the group voted to attempt to raise \$11,000 on personal notes. A committee consisting of President Alderman, J. M. Lee and E. E. Edge was appointed to investigate the possibility of securing funds in this manner. They reported at another meeting held two years later that some other method of raising the money would have to be sought, and Mr. Clewis reported that he had been unable to sell the Sutherland Development Company stock as he had been authorized to do. It was finally decided to sell the stock if as much as



\$25,000 could be obtained for it. President Alderman, E. E. Edge, J. A. Hendry and L. N. Pipkin were appointed a committee to arrange for the sale.

The stock was bought by friends of the institution. All except \$2,700 of the amount which came from this sale was applied on the indebtedness of the school, reducing it to \$19,463.49. Fifteen thousand dollars of this amount was bonded. The difference of more than \$4,000, together with a probable deficit of \$6,000 for the remainder of the year, had to be provided for.

A resolution to end the term of service of one-third of the members of the board every two years was introduced by Rev. J. A. Hendry, at a meeting held on December 7, 1917, at the Fort Dallas Hotel, in Miami. It was adopted.

The death of Rev. J. E. Ley, secretary of the board and for many years an outstanding friend of Southern, was announced at a meeting held on December 10, 1917. He had died that morning. The trustees adopted resolutions of sympathy and paid tribute to the memory of a man who had served willingly and effectively. Dr. L. W. Moore was elected secretary to fill the vacancy, and Dr. R. Ira Barnett was chosen to succeed Mr. Ley to membership on the board. Dr. Barnett later was elected secretary of the board.

To give due recognition to students who had attended the college when it was known as the Florida Conference College, at Leesburg, President Alderman was authorized to issue certificates and appropriate degrees "to such students as were entitled to them." The motion that this recognition be extended was offered and adopted at a trustee meeting held on May 20, 1918, in Mr. Wall's Tampa office. At the same meeting a finance committee was appointed. It included Mr. Wall, F. D. Jackson and A. C. Clewis.

#### MILITARY TRAINING

The school year of 1918-19 brought to Southern's campus a larger number of students, military training, a severe storm and an epidemic of influenza. These influences brought about a radical change on the campus and called for careful and alert procedure on the part of President Alderman and his faculty.

Khaki and rifles made their appearance at the beginning of the fall term. A Student Army Training Corps, under supervision of the United States Government, was organized, and, independently of this organization, the college established a department of military training for students not old enough for the government unit, or for other reasons not qualified or required to enter government service. The college military department was conducted by Colonel Kelley, a middle-aged bachelor who had served in a similar capacity at Ruskin-Cave College, in Tennessee. The Tennessee institution had closed, and several of its faculty members had been added to Southern's staff. Several Ruskin-Cave students also enrolled at

Southern. The government unit was largely responsible for the increase of Southern's enrollment to 272.

Most of the government students were quartered in the four-story dormitory for men, next to the gymnasium, and the majority of the other men students were assigned rooms in the old Gulf View Hotel, near the bay.

The S. A. T. C. included 103 men, who were under the command of seasoned officers, of course. Strict military rules were enforced. Drills were held regularly each afternoon except Sunday, and there were periods of target practice and long hikes. The old athletic field served as a drill ground. Until the S. A. T. C. was demobilized, the military students not in this organization did most of their drilling on the broad, paved highway leading from the dormitory for women to the Gulf View Hotel. Rev. C. M. Cotton, now a member of the Florida Conference, who was then an outstanding student at Southern and who had had military training at a preparatory school in Georgia, was directly in charge of drills for military students not in the S. A. T. C. Students in either of the units who violated rules probably still remember quite vividly weary hours of marching in the "bull ring," for this was the most common method of punishment.

Men in the S. A. T. C. marched to their meals in the dormitory for women and ate at tables set apart for them. The World War was still raging, and many members of the unit thought they would eventually see service in France. French classes, taught by Miss Lois Wilson, were therefore the largest in school.

#### MEMBERS OF S. A. T. C.

The names of men in the S. A. T. C. and their addresses at that time follow: O. E. Allen, Mulberry; M. D. Bartleson, Jacksonville; F. R. Bergquist, Tiger Bay; D. H. Bevan, Live Oak; B. L. Billings, Ruskin; J. V. Blume, Live Oak; L. B. Booth, Safety Harbor; H. E. Brightwell, Tampa; E. J. Bryant, Lithia; W. J. Bullock, Arcadia; E. H. Burson, Tampa; V. M. Caldwell, Winter Haven; A. R. Campbell, Safety Harbor; C. C. Campbell, Franklin, Tenn.; E. H. Cavanaugh, Tampa; Frank V. Chappell, Sanford; E. K. Christmas, Madison; R. V. Coleman, Plant City; M. A. Collier, Oxford; C. M. Cook, Franklin, Tenn.; R. G. Cromartie, Lloyd; W. P. Crosby, Citra; C. H. Curtiss, Detroit; G. W. Davenport, Wellborn; R. E. Davis, Danville, Ill.; R. G. Dekle, Tampa; C. E. DeShong, Clearwater; W. J. Dowling, Blanton; Carroll Dunshee, Arcadia; R. D. Durrance, Arcadia; M. T. Edwards, Tampa; E. W. Fielding, Tampa; W. A. Fussell, Wildwood; E. H. Gasthoff, Danville, Ill.; F. C. Ghiotto, Tampa; A. P. Goff, Live Oak; J. M. Graham, Franklin, Tenn.; C. R. Gutteridge, Haines City; E. F. Hadden, Madison; E. G. Hancock, Oakland; H. W. Hannum, Danville, Ill.; E. A. Hall, Live Oak; J. E. Harn, Clearwater; W. F. Harris, Ruskin, Tenn.; W. H. Helm, Franklin,

Tenn.; J. S. Henry, Live Oak; H. F. Hicks, Eagle Lake; W. D. Hicks, Lakeland; Hayden Hixon, Danville, Ill.; B. M. Howard, Woodville; C. E. Isaacs, Franklin, Tenn.; G. O. James, Tampa; G. M. Jaudon, Dover; A. S. Johnson, Fort Meade; Dan Johnson, Raiford; W. S. Johnson, Miakka; M. C. Jones, Lake Wales; W. T. Jones, Yulee; M. V. Knight, Blountstown; W. L. Knowles, Danville, Ill.; C. E. Kyle, Mango; J. L. Lameraux, Eagle Lake; C. C. Light, Tampa; Wilkins Linhart, Tampa; A. D. Lyons, Lithia; W. D. Markey, High Springs; C. V. Marsters, Danville, Ill.; W. H. Maxwell, Hampton; M. D. Mayo, Bartow; P. J. McConn, Arcadia; H. S. McMullen, Clearwater; O. L. Mizelle, Worthington Springs; H. G. Morgan, Lakeland; J. R. Morton, Dunedin; W. A. Neff, Danville; George Nichols, Woldwood; P. A. Oberholtzer, Esmeralda; Elmer O'Berry, Dade City; J. M. Owens, Bristol; L. E. Parker, Arcadia; J. T. Patton, College Grove, Tenn.; Walter Peevler, Haxtun, Colo.; J. R. Perry, Oxford; W. D. Phifer, High Springs; J. Y. Powell, Fort Myers; F. C. Prince, Bartow; O. W. Reagan, Perry; H. W. Ritch, Starke; P. T. Rivers, Lithia; A. B. Robson, Sanford; W. W. Rogers, Mayo; T. B. Shuler, Bristol; E. J. Simmons, Dover; R. E. Sistrunk, Live Oak; J. H. Skeen, Live Oak; A. H. Smith, Madison; J. T. Smith, Tampa; J. W. Smith, Oxford; P. H. Swisher, Danville, Ill.; L. O. Taylor, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; W. F. Walker, Quitman, Ga.; J. A. White, Tampa; J. K. Wilson, Clearwater, and G. H. Winningham, Tampa.

#### STORM

Mobilization of the S. A. T. C. was barely under way when a storm came to do extensive damage and disorganize the campus temporarily. Classes were suspended and all the men students joined in clearing the debris and making repairs. The wind, coming west across the Gulf, struck Sutherland just before midnight of September 27, and continued with increasing force about three hours. The campus was a discouraging sight the next morning. Trees had been blown down, part of the front of the administration building had been blown in, the bricks crashing through the ceiling and falling to the first floor. A chimney had given way and toppled through the roof of the dormitory for women, many windows had been crashed, and the laundry, a frame building, had been damaged considerably. The damage exceeded \$5,000.

The college had not had time to adjust itself after the storm when the epidemic of influenza began. In a short time, 160 students were ill. The basketball court on the second floor of the gymnasium was turned into an infirmary, and men students were taken care of there until the number of those who were ill became so large that it was necessary to use the dormitory for men also. Guards were placed about the campus as a quarantine measure. The government took care of members of the S. A. T. C. unit who were ill, but the

epidemic had spread over the country and it was difficult to secure doctors, nurses and all the medicine that was needed. Two men students died, but no women students were lost.

Unfortunately, President Alderman was one of the first to become ill. Dr. Hilburn, always a ready worker, very kindly returned to the institution of which he had been president and performed valuable service by assuming some of President Alderman's responsibilities through the epidemic. Mrs. Alderman kept going through all the tumult of this period and worked day and night to make sure that the stricken students and faculty members received as good attention as possible under the distressing circumstances, and to assist in numerous ways with the general administration of college matters. J. Edgar Wall is another individual who rendered valuable assistance at that time by visiting the campus frequently and doing whatever he could in such an emergency.

In many respects, the school year of 1918-19 was one of the most successful of President Alderman's administration. He had unusually difficult problems with which to deal, but he met them courageously, piloted the institution through a critical period, and won the admiration of every person who had the opportunity to observe his heroic efforts. Although the S. A. T. C. was, for the most part, a disastrous experiment, so far as the general good of the school was concerned, it was also an important factor in helping President Alderman to meet the financial obligations of that year.

Students who frequently think their instructors are too severe in assignments and final examinations should find some solace in an interesting resolution presented by Dr. R. Ira Barnett at a meeting of the trustees, May 23, 1919, and unanimously adopted. It follows: "Whereas, unusual conditions, due to cyclone, influenza and a world-wide war, have rendered it difficult for our college, in common with all schools, to hold to the high ideals and standards of faculty efficiency and student thoroughness during the past session; therefore, be it resolved that we recommend to the faculty that they be as lenient with the pupils as may be consistent with the best interests of pupils and the college in their passing upon the final examinations and the year's record of pupils."

Dr. S. W. Walker became officially affiliated with the college again when he was elected commissioner of education, May 27, 1919. He was voted a salary of \$200 a month and expenses.

J. Edgar Wall was elected chairman of the board, May 23, 1919. A. C. Clewis was chosen vice-chairman, and E. T. Roux, Jr., of Plant City, who had been elected to membership, December 4, 1918, was made treasurer, a position he has held ever since with great credit to himself and the college. Dr. L. W. Moore continued as secretary.

Other members of the board at that time were Rev. J. T. Nixon, Dr. W. A. Cooper, L. N. Pipkin,



E. E. Edge, Rev. D. A. Cole, G. W. Tedder, Rev. J. A. Hendry, Dr. J. P. Hilburn, L. W. Duval, C. T. Curry, Rev. G. F. Scott, Dr. W. F. Dunkle, John S. Taylor, Dr. R. Ira Barnett and Rev. S. A. Wilson.

Wilson W. Webber, professor of mathematics, had been appointed dean. He continued in this capacity until after the removal of the college to Lakeland, winning much favor among both faculty and students for his fairness, brilliance and friendliness. Rev. R. E. Smith, a thorough, genteel scholar who had lost an eye during an experiment in a chemical laboratory, had come from Centenary College to serve as professor of Greek and Biblical literature. Miss Blanche Hanner was dean of women and professor of Latin. Miss Annie L. Winstead had begun her work as private secretary to President Alderman. Miss Christine Stout and Miss Aloe Everton were instructors in piano, and Miss Louise Cloud was a practice preceptress. Henry Milton Pyles, a Kentucky bachelor and a ready conversationalist, was professor of biology and physics.

#### WILSON MEMORIAL FIELD

Members of the Alumni Association were responsible for the construction of an athletic field, in 1920, which was presented to the college as a memorial to Rodney C. Wilson, a former student, who had been killed during a strike of phosphate workers in Polk County. The field was known as Wilson Memorial Field. Funds for this project were obtained largely through the initiative of Elbert M. Stanton, a former student and faculty member at Southern, who later served as president of Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas.

An effort to raise \$50,000 through laymen on the board of trustees and a few outside laymen was begun at a board meeting held on March 12, 1920. E. E. Edge began the campaign immediately by giving \$500 in war savings stamps. A motion was adopted which provided that each member of the board be responsible for raising a specified amount. At this meeting also President Alderman's salary was increased to \$3,000 a year. The drive for funds brought \$18,660 in cash and pledges.

More than \$25,000 was spent in the summer and autumn of 1920 for the enlargement of buildings, equipment for class rooms and laboratories and repairs, and everybody was talking about the new interest in Southern College. More and more, ministers of the conference and friends throughout Florida were awaking to the greater possibilities of the school. It had been having a hard struggle for many years, but now it was coming into a better day, they said. The optimism was general.

#### FIRE OF 1921

But it was at this time that the worst disaster in the institution's history came. On January 29, 1921, fire destroyed the magnificent dormitory for women and the administration building, causing a

loss of many thousands of dollars and completely changing the direction of the college.

Originating in the kitchen, the fire was discovered about daybreak by Miss Zoila Embi, a Cuban student, when the flames made their way through the ceiling and into her room on the second floor. She sounded the general alarm, and it was only a few minutes before all the occupants of the building were frantically snatching up their possessions and making sure that everybody had been awakened. Somebody ran over to the dormitory for men on the hill and shouted for help. Somebody rushed down to the Gulf View Hotel and awakened the students there, among whom was the author of this history. The alarm was relayed in shouts from the rooms and halls, and a few seconds later those who were rooming there had reached the street and were racing toward the burning building.

It was a sickening experience to look up and see great flames leaping from the rear of that beautiful structure which had been the center of campus activities for so many years. The tall cupola, which a few minutes later was to topple and become ashes, was silhouetted against a background of raging flames and heavy smoke.

As the men students approached the scene, they heard roaring flames, crashing timbers and the shouts of excited persons. Women students were throwing their possessions from the windows above. President Alderman, remaining calm through the emergency, shouted orders, assisted in saving as much property as possible and did everything possible to make sure there would be no loss of life.

Several women students rushed out of the building, threw an armful of belongings upon the ground and turned to go back for more. President Alderman and the men students forcibly stopped them, for it was feared the main part of the building would collapse at any moment. The men students had arrived in time to save many things, including several pianos.

Fire departments at Tarpon Springs and Clearwater were called, but the firemen could do little but stand beside their trucks and look on, for Sutherland had no water supply.

Flying embers and sparks from the dormitory for women landed on top of the administration building, which was only a few yards away, and this building soon was in flames. It was the building in which were the offices of the president and the dean, the class rooms, the auditorium, the library, the bookstore and the laboratories. Men rushed to the auditorium and brought out the grand piano and a few books were removed from the library. The dean's office door was crashed in order that the records might be saved, and a few of the supplies in the bookstore were removed to safety.

News of the fire spread rapidly to surrounding towns, and it was only three or four hours before the little community of Sutherland was crowded

with many visitors. Furniture, trunks, clothes, books and other articles were scattered along the street. So intense was the heat that most of the huge lawn in front of the dormitory for women was burned to a crisp.

The tragedy was not without its irony. One occupant of the dormitory for women had received a large cut-glass bowl as a gift at the Christmas season a month before. It was partly filled with fruit and nuts. Intending to throw aside the contents and save the bowl, she, in her excitement, dumped the fruit and nuts into a pillow case and hurried from the building with them, having shoved the bowl aside and left it to the flames.

One of the young women, hurrying about her room to save the most valuable of her possessions, picked up an expensive new coat and threw it over an arm. She saw other articles, including a memory book, which she preferred to save. Instead of putting on the coat and using the pockets for jewelry and similar articles small, she threw it there it aside to let it become ashes.

Many anxious parents, members of the board of trustees and other friends of the college had arrived by noon. Although some said the disaster meant the permanent closing of the institution, many others, more philosophical, said Southern was too valuable an institution to be thwarted. It would go on. Many said the fire was a "blessing in disguise."

Dr. W. B. Campbell, then president of Kentucky Wesleyan College, was conducting a revival for faculty and students when the fire came. His song leader was Rev. P. M. Boyd, now editor of the *Florida Christian Advocate* and pastor of College Heights Methodist Church, Lakeland, who recalls that "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" was the last song.

### LITTLE TIME LOST

While the flames were still visible over the ruins, members of the board, called together by their chairman, J. Edgar Wall, met in a small frame building down the street and immediately resolved to arrange for resuming class activities within two weeks. They met at three o'clock on the afternoon of the same day on which the fire occurred.

Besides Mr. Wall, those in attendance at this meeting were A. C. Clewis, E. T. Roux, T. J. Nixon, J. A. Hendry, G. F. Scott, L. N. Pipkin, C. L. Johnson, J. P. Hilburn, S. W. Walker, W. A. Cooper and L. W. Moore. Rev. J. F. Bell offered the opening prayer.

Offers to provide tentative quarters came from Tarpon Springs, Tampa, Palatka, Clearwater, Clearwater Beach and Sutherland, the latter offer coming directly from D. F. Conoley, of the Sutherland Development Company. Harry Shaw was spokesman for the committee from Tarpon Springs.

It was voted to resume classes February 8, regardless of the town selected, and this announcement was made that afternoon to many students before they had left for their homes.

Mr. Roux, speaking for the Clearwater Board of Trade, invited the trustees to hold a meeting in Clearwater that night at 7:30 o'clock, and the invitation was accepted. E. E. Edge had arrived when the members convened for the night meeting.

### HELP FROM MR. ROUX

Mr. Roux offered his splendid hotel at Clearwater Beach for exclusive use as temporary quarters, and Clearwater offered to assist in erecting temporary buildings near the hotel. These offers were accepted, and the task of getting the temporary plant ready was begun immediately.

Many of the men students went to Clearwater Beach and helped the large force of carpenters erect three buildings for class rooms and three that were used as dormitories for men. The hotel was used as a dormitory for women and social center. It was in this building also that meals were served. A large concrete garage near the old wooden bridge, which extended from the mainland to the beach, was made into an auditorium and music department. Several faculty members with families rented private homes on the beach.

It is an amazing and encouraging fact that when opening exercises were held on the announced date there was a slight increase in enrollment. The exercises were held upstairs on the dance floor of a frame pavilion which still stands. The garage had not then been changed into an auditorium. Optimism was expressed by every speaker, and President and Mrs. Alderman were deservedly praised for their successful efforts in keeping the organization intact.

L. N. Pipkin made a liberal contribution to be used in helping young women students who lost their clothing in the fire.

Whatever sorrows the students had apparently were drowned in the surf which washed against the beach a few yards from their rooms. There were swimming parties every afternoon except Sunday. Many of the students, delighted to be living in such a spot, went swimming twice a day. And moonlight upon the enchanting Gulf of Mexico was not an objectionable feature on Saturday nights during the social hour. Nor were the whispering waves and swaying palms entirely objectionable.

Negotiations for a permanent location were begun by the trustees at a meeting they held at the First Methodist Church, Jacksonville, February 23, 1921.

This meeting was attended by J. Edgar Wall, S. A. Wilson, G. F. Scott, J. A. Hendry, R. Ira Barnett, E. T. Roux, G. W. Tedder, L. N. Pipkin, J. P. Hilburn, S. W. Walker, T. J. Nixon, G. S. Roberts, L. W. Moore, the presiding elders and several other individuals specially invited. The opening prayer was said by S. A. Wilson.

A committee was appointed to receive formal bids for location of the college, and to seek the aid of competent architects and other persons in making general plans for the new campus and buildings.



This committee included J. Edgar Wall, S. W. Walker, J. P. Hilburn, L. N. Pipkin, E. T. Roux, J. A. Hendry and President Alderman.

The death of C. T. Curry, a member of the board, was noted at a meeting held April 19, 1921, and L. P. McCord, of Jacksonville, was nominated to fill the vacancy.

Although Lakeland's offer of a college site was accepted, due consideration was also given to splendid offers from Tampa, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg and Fort Pierce, and several other communities were mentioned as possible locations.

#### LAKELAND'S OFFER

L. W. Duval, chairman of the board of education, in his report to the conference at Gainesville, in December, 1921, said Lakeland's offer would mean a source of revenue equal to an endowment of approximately \$200,000, property costing \$127,000, bankable notes amounting to \$48,000, and electricity and water amounting to \$50,000. The original site consisted of approximately 78 acres of bearing citrus trees. Twenty acres of this property later was sold.

Through the unforgettable generosity of E. T. Roux, L. N. Pipkin and E. E. Edge, all three members of the board at that time, it was possible for the college to borrow \$250,000 with which to proceed with the building program which was to give the institution the present dormitory for women and the social hall.

Meanwhile, faculty and students in the temporary quarters at Clearwater Beach had suffered another interruption. A severe storm in the fall of 1921, coming directly off the Gulf, did extensive damage. Water which covered the island washed away foundations, and the furious force of the wind was most destructive. Warned that the storm was approaching, President and Mrs. Alderman hurriedly made transportation arrangements which made possible removal of all the women students and women members of the faculty to safety on the mainland. Both President and Mrs. Alderman, men members of the faculty and many of the men students, instead of leaving the island for their personal safety, remained throughout the storm to protect the college property as much as possible.

#### ANOTHER FIRE

The next disaster came in the spring of 1922, when fire of undetermined origin began in one of the dormitories for men and destroyed the six temporary buildings which had been erected at a cost of \$21,000. Faculty and students were having their evening meal in the dormitory for women when the fire was discovered. Many of the men students lost all their belongings, and only a little of the equipment in the class rooms was saved.

The building committee of trustees elected to be responsible for details of the new plant in Lakeland

included J. Edgar Wall, L. N. Pipkin, W. A. Cooper, E. T. Roux, J. P. Hilburn, T. L. Hendrix, J. A. Hendry and President Alderman.

F. H. Trimble, of Orlando, who was architect for the elaborate building program then formulated made an attractive miniature model of the plant which trustees and other friends of the college hoped would soon be a reality. There was not sufficient money with which to carry out these ambitious plans then, but a good beginning was made, and everybody was enthusiastic.

#### COLLEGE OPENS AT LAKELAND

Hugger Brothers, Montgomery, Alabama, contractors to whom the building contract was awarded, worked rapidly to have the two buildings ready for the opening of school in the fall of 1922, which had been set for October 3. Opening exercises were held in Lakeland's First Methodist Church, representatives of the conference, many civic organizations and other friends being present to cheer President Alderman and the trustees in their new effort in a permanent home.

The campus still was astir with workmen when classes began. Floors were being planed, paint jobs were being finished, new equipment still was being installed, and the tunnel leading from the heating plant east of social hall to the dormitory for women was just an open ditch.

But faculty members and students, enthusiastic over the excellence of the buildings and equipment, apparently did not mind these early inconveniences. If they did, there was no complaint to be heard.

A few weeks after school opened, President and Mrs. Alderman announced "open house" for the public, inviting everybody to inspect the new plant. Several thousand persons from Lakeland and other communities were visitors throughout the afternoon and evening set aside for the occasion. They marveled at the splendor of the furniture, the rugs, the draperies and all the other equipment and fixtures which had been selected with such good taste to harmonize with the buildings and provide a setting of refinement for the students.

Dr. W. O. Lemasters, who had been secretary of Christian education, served as business manager of the college during those busy days. His faithful work is gratefully remembered by every friend of Southern who had an opportunity to observe him at his task.

Dr. S. W. Walker, E. E. Edge and L. N. Pipkin were appointed a committee to dispose of the property at Sutherland. It is an interesting fact that bricks salvaged from the administration building which burned were sold for \$200 and used in the construction nearby of a Methodist church.

#### GIFT FROM MR. ROUX

The magnanimous spirit of E. T. Roux is seen again in an incident which occurred at a meeting

of the executive committee of the trustees held in Lakeland March 21, 1922. Dr. Lemasters, as business manager, reported that \$6,000 had been received in payment of insurance on the buildings destroyed by fire at Clearwater Beach. He was instructed to hand this money over to Mr. Roux as a "small token of our appreciation of his assistance to the school when fire had destroyed the buildings at Sutherland." Mr. Roux immediately rose and stated that what he had done for the school was prompted by his love for the institution, and that the only pay he desired was the knowledge that he had rendered service to the school. Then he said he would accept the check, endorse it and hand it to President Alderman as a special gift to help defray expenses of the college for that year. He was given a rising vote of thanks.

Mr. Trimble, the architect, then rose and said he wished to present as a gift twenty per cent of the total amount of his bill for drawing the plans of the new plant. This contribution amounted to \$2,631, and was deposited in the bank to be used in the construction of an athletic field when the president should secure a similar amount to be placed with it and used for the same purpose.

#### DEATH OF E. T. ROUX, III

It was in 1922 that the student body lost one of its most popular members. Ed Roux, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Roux. He had been graduated from the academy at Southern, and had planned to do all his college work there. Influenza, followed by pneumonia, caused his death. He was a bright, capable, democratic student, who quickly won the admiration and respect of those with whom he came in contact. He, like his father, was always ready to serve the college, no matter how menial or difficult the task. The passing of this splendid young man, whose future held such great promise, was noted by the trustees in their meeting August 22, 1922.

Dr. W. A. Cooper resigned as secretary of the trustees December 14, 1922, explaining that it would be impossible for him to continue in that capacity because he had been made president of the conference board of finance. Rev. L. D. Lowe was elected to succeed him as secretary.

Trustees announced in the college catalogue of 1922-23 were J. Edgar Wall, chairman; L. N. Pipkin vice-chairman; Dr. W. A. Cooper, secretary; E. T. Roux, treasurer; Dr. J. H. Daniel, Rev. W. C. Fountain, E. E. Edge, Rev. L. D. Lowe, G. W. Tedder, Rev. J. A. Hendry, Dr. J. P. Hilburn, L. W. Duval, Dr. L. P. McCord, Rev. G. F. Scott, Dr. G. S. Roberts, Rev. J. B. Rooney, Dr. R. Ira Barnett, Dr. J. Edgar Wilson, C. L. Johnson, Rev. J. T. Mitchell, Frank Moor, Dr. W. C. Norton, L. B. Giles and T. L. Hendrix.

C. L. Johnson, of Lake Wales, deserves special mention for the splendid moral and financial support he has extended to Southern over a period of

several years, especially during those trying days at Clearwater Beach and the early years in Lakeland.

The faculty announced in the catalogue of 1922-23 included William Wilson Webber, dean and professor of mathematics; Francis Taylor Long, professor of English; Blanche Hanner, professor of Latin; Caleb Archibald Haskew, professor of chemistry and physics; Olin Boggess, professor of Greek and Biblical literature; George F. Scott, professor of history and economics; Muriel M. Betts, professor of psychology and education; Eva Llewellyn Poole, dean of women; Carl S. Cox, professor of biology and physics; Mrs. Olin Boggess, assistant in English; Albert Gregory Vredenburg, head of department of music and instructor in violin; Louis Alberti, instructor in voice and theory of music; Alice F. Glasscock, instructor in piano; Caroline Broadwell, instructor in expression; Walter O. Ropp, bursar and head of the commercial department; Wesley W. Alderman, athletic director; Annie Lee Winstead, secretary to the president, and Emma Glenn Alexander, librarian. Mrs. Alderman was increasingly active as superintendent of home life.

#### ACADEMY IS DROPPED

As soon as the college began its work in Lakeland, elimination of the academy was begun by dropping one year at a time. This department had been completely eliminated at the end of President Alderman's administration.

Upon the recommendation of the board of education, the conference, at its meeting in Bradenton, in December, 1923, voted to borrow \$300,000 from the Mercantile Trust Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, pledging the college real estate as collateral. This step was taken to refund the mortgage indebtedness of \$250,000, and to obtain money with which to pay other obligations which had arisen in connection with the building program. The St. Louis loan was to have an interest rate of six per cent, and was to be repaid in annual installments of \$30,000. Efforts to take care of this obligation are discussed in that part of this history which deals with President Ludd M. Spivey's administration during 1933.

#### THE INNESS PAINTING

The beautiful painting which hangs over the mantel of the drawing room in the dormitory for women is the work of the late George Inness, Jr., who presented it as an expression of his interest in Southern, after the hospitality of the institution had been extended to him by President and Mrs. Alderman. The women of Lakeland had invited the artist to exhibit his paintings in their community. He selected the college auditorium, now the biology class room, as the most appropriate setting for the exhibition. He was shown every consideration by faculty and students and Lake-



land citizens, and was gratefully responsive in many ways. The unveiling of his gift was an impressive occasion.

"The Only Hope," one of the most notable of the Inness paintings, was shown first at Southern. During the several days that it was on exhibition in January, 1925, hundreds of art lovers from many Florida communities saw it. Among them was Edward Bok, who was especially interested because it was a painting conveying a message against war. It was later exhibited before President Coolidge and the members of Congress.

Trustees during 1924-25, the last year of President Alderman's administration, were J. Edgar Wall, E. E. Edge, G. W. Tedder, Rev. G. F. Scott, Dr. R. Ira Barnett, Dr. M. H. Norton, Dr. J. H. Daniel, Dr. W. P. Buhrman, Rev. J. A. Hendry, Dr. J. P. Hilburn, Dr. G. S. Roberts, L. W. Duval, L. P. McCord, C. L. Johnson, J. J. Swearingen, Dr. O. E. Rice, L. N. Pipkin, E. T. Roux, E. L. Mack, J. E. Graves, Rev. J. B. Rooney, Dr. A. Fred Turner, Rev. L. D. Lowe, Rev. J. T. Mitchell and Rev. Henry W. Blackburn.

The faculty for 1924-25 included Carl S. Cox, dean and professor of physics; Robert S. Bly, professor of chemistry; Elizabeth Diantha Clark, professor of French and Spanish; Olive Boggess, professor of Greek and Biblical literature; Lucile Sherman, professor of English; Robert T. Cornelius, professor of Latin and Spanish; Grace E. McReynolds, professor of psychology and education; George F. Scott, professor of history and economics; Mary Muffly Morehouse, professor of religious education; Albert Gregory Vredenburg, head of department of music and instructor in violin; Louis Alberti, instructor in voice and theory of music; Lucile Clark, instructor in piano; Caroline Broadwell, instructor in expression; Walter Collins, instructor in art; S. Willesse Wise, professor of home economics; Miss Thelma Hall, assistant in home economics; Walter O. Ropp, bursar and head of the commercial department; Mrs. N. V. Booker, dean of women; Wesley W. Alderman, athletic director; Annie Lee Winstead, secretary to the president; Mrs. R. H. Alderman, superintendent of home life; Cora Henderson, instructor in secretarial courses; Paul Mowbry Wheeler, professor of English; W. E. Gordon, professor of biology.

In his message to the trustees in the spring of 1925, President Alderman said: "While I appreciate the continued confidence of the board of trustees and the honor that goes with that confi-

dence in again electing me president of Southern College, I am forced to decline the presidency for the remaining part of the conference year.

"The refusal of the last annual conference to accept the recommendations of the board of trustees and the board of education in reference to increased financial support makes it impossible to meet the requirements of our own commission on education and maintain our classification as a standard college. For the same reason, we are prevented from becoming a member of the Association of Southern Colleges and Secondary Schools. Students will no longer attend a college that is not standard. I pointed out in my report to the annual conference that this was a vital matter, but they failed to give any attention to it, whatever.

"I have been asked to fill the most difficult and expensive position in the conference at a salary far below that paid by many pastoral charges in the conference. I have never asked for an increase in salary, but my expenses have always been more than my income, and I find it necessary to recuperate my resources which I have had to draw on.

"I have put eleven years of the best of my life in Southern College, and for that reason I love it as no other man can. I hate very much to give it up at a time when success seems possible. The rank and file of the church has never built a college. It has always been necessary to interest some men of large means, and this I have tried to do. It has taken me some time to get such men interested in the college. The last few months have demonstrated the results of my efforts along this line. I regret that my leaving the college will break the connection in several instances, but I am not responsible for this.

"Let me urge you to be very careful in the selection of a man to be president of your college. He will have many difficult duties to perform. Just being popular in the conference or a good pastor will not meet the requirements. He must be an educator and one familiar with the present-day problems involved in school administration. He must be a business man with a personality that will enable him to get a hold on business and professional men. He must love the college and have a faith that will give him a venturesome spirit. It will take this and other qualities to build a college in this day and time."

Gifts were presented to the retiring president and his wife by both the faculty and the trustees.

The presidency was offered to Dr. W. F. Dunkle, a member of the conference, but he declined.







# PRESIDENT SPIVEY *and* EXPANSION

1925



R. LUDD MYRL SPIVEY assumed the presidency in the summer of 1925, coming from Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama, where he had served as dean three years. He came to Southern with a reputation as an alert executive and a brilliant teacher. He had thrown himself into his work with full force, and had become a man of great popularity in Alabama. Besides filling the deanship there, he taught sociology. His classes were always large, for he was known as a sympathetic and interesting teacher, and yet as a strict teacher who would tolerate no foolishness. He had a large following among both the faculty and the students.

When he took charge at Southern, he was thirty-eight years old, and the Florida boom was at its most furious stage. Patrons of Southern, eager to see Florida Methodism's institution of higher learning advance with the times and make a bigger place for itself in the minds of the people of the state, looked to this ambitious, vigorously set up young man from Alabama to do big things. They saw in him an intensely progressive personality. It was not long before he had awakened the enthusiasm of Lakeland citizens for Southern. It was the beginning of an active interest that quickly became widespread. He had scarcely removed his hat from over his impressively high forehead and domiciled his family on the campus when he began to make definite plans for expanding Southern. With him, it was not a matter of biding his time for six weeks, until the opening of school in September. He hadn't even met his faculty and students when he dashed off on a state-wide itinerary to talk Southern. He spoke before every congregation, luncheon club or other organization that invited him—and before some to which he had invited himself. He was out to arouse interest, to get more students.

The vigorous manner in which he began his administration inspired confidence immediately. The people around him admired his intelligent aggressiveness and responded to his optimistic spirit. He was, and still is, a votary of the doctrine that nothing succeeds like success. He cared but little for what might lie out in the more or less distant future. His interest lay in the present, and it is one of his characteristics that he seldom allows the future to weigh upon him. The boom collapsed and the depression came, but he dealt with them when they became the present tense.

Dr. Spivey came to Florida peculiarly well-equipped for the varied roles which were to be his as president of Southern during a period econom-

ically lean and trying. He came with unquenchable enthusiasm, a gift for making friends quickly, unusual ability as a public speaker, excellent insight into financial problems and a stimulating philosophy for young people.

He was born at Eclectic, Alabama, December 5, 1886, a seventh son and one of ten children. His parents were John Timothy and Ida Adams Spivey. When he was five years old he moved with his family to Texas. His earlier schooling was sporadic, and he was therefore older than the average student when he entered Oklahoma City High School. He attended Epworth University during 1909-10, and entered Vanderbilt University the following year. He was a student in the School of Religion there during 1911-12. He was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1912, and married Clara Louise Helm-kampf, of Jackson, Missouri, September 4, 1913. Three children, Allan Ludd (deceased), Lee Myrl and Frances Louise, have been born to them, and they have one adopted son, William Harold.

Dr. Spivey was pastor of Scruggs First Church, St. Louis, Missouri, 1914-15; Grand Avenue Church, 1916-18, and Centenary Church, Cape Girardeau, 1919.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago in 1919, a Master of Arts in 1920, and a Bachelor of Divinity in 1922. Birmingham-Southern College and Miami University each has honored him with the degree of Doctor of Laws, and Stetson University has conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Education. He is a member of Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu, Phi Kappa Phi, Mu Omega Xi and Theta Phi fraternities.

Southern was staggering under a heavy indebtedness when Dr. Spivey began his term. His predecessor had carried on a remarkable building program, erecting a new physical plant and furnishing it magnificently. All this was done on faith that friends of Southern would demonstrate their loyalty in more generous terms than ever before. Southern was settled in a permanent home and the building program planned for the immediate future promised a most attractive project. Much money was needed to take care of past debts and to continue the building program. Dr. Alderman and members of the board of trustees, forced by circumstances to build a new plant or let Southern fall by the wayside, made an ambitious choice and proceeded with enthusiasm and devotion. But the financial support they needed was not given by the public generally. A few individuals of means came forward with aid, but that was not sufficient.

#### MORE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Hoping that Southern might be able to expand during the boom period through which Florida was passing, Dr. Spivey determined upon a program of expansion. He increased the number of faculty members, raised their salaries, interested a large number of students in enrolling, planned for two more buildings and got ready to face the institution's increasingly difficult financial problem.

He was able to report to the trustees on September 29, 1925, eight weeks after arriving in Lakeland, that classes had begun with a larger enrollment, that he had raised \$10,000 in new money, that he had contracted no new obligations, and that the school would be conducted in such a way as to keep it on a cash basis.

But the most important matter to be brought before the trustees at that meeting was a proposal by Dr. Spivey that a campaign be conducted at once for \$1,000,000. Unanimous approval was given this plan, and it was placed before the annual Methodist conference, which met at Orlando in December of that year.

L. W. Duval, president of the board of education, and Dr. H. J. Haeflinger, secretary, in their report to the conference, said: "We are in the midst of a material prosperity which has had few, if any, parallels in American history. Our temporal progress is so great that it has attracted the attention of the whole world; but, in the midst of this unprecedented advancement in material things, the cultural values of our social life have remained almost static. Education, culture, religion and the spiritual elements of life have by no means kept pace with our accumulation of wealth. If this situation be allowed to work itself out to its logical conclusion, what must be the future of our state? It will be materialistic, selfish and godless. To give ourselves over to the pursuit of Mammon without advancing at the same time the spiritual interests of life must, in the course of time, inevitably mean our ruin.

"We are, therefore, compelled by the logic of the situation to undertake a great advance movement for the cause of Christian education. We must train leaders who will stand for Christian principles and know how to direct material activities to the higher ends of life. This can be done only by so increasing the facilities of Southern College as to bring it to a place of commanding importance in our state and enable it to serve a larger number of young people than it can possibly do in the present situation.

"Feeling that this is second in importance to no cause before our church at the present time, your board of education therefore proposes this resolution for the consideration of the annual conference:

"Resolved:

"1. That it is the sense of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

South, that a fund of not less than \$1,000,000 be immediately raised for the development and expansion of Southern College.

"2. That, while this movement to raise this fund should in no sense supersede or interfere with the regular activities of our churches, we do, nevertheless, regard said movement as our foremost, especial objective for the coming conference year and entitled to the heartiest and most active support of all our preachers and people.

"3. That the active promotion of this movement be given to the authorities of the college, to a special preachers' committee composed of Rev. W. F. Dunkle, chairman, and the presiding elders of the various districts, and to a special laymen's committee composed of E. T. Roux, chairman; L. N. Pipkin, E. L. Mack, L. P. McCord, J. H. Mercer, A. E. J. Anderson, S. D. Harris, R. M. Shearer, and S. J. Hilburn."

Dr. Spivey and Dr. A. Fred Turner as secretary of Christian education, supported by the committees named in the board of education report to the conference, and by special committees in key cities of Florida, threw themselves into the campaign with great force. They stirred the people to a new interest in Southern and got a liberal response. Instead of raising \$1,000,000, the campaigners made it \$1,200,000.

This total represented subscriptions given, for the most part, in estate notes bearing interest at the rate of five per cent, which was to be paid to Southern, providing an operating fund of \$60,000 annually.

Tragically enough, however, the Florida boom collapsed and left this splendid plan in the air. Approximately ten per cent of the amount subscribed was collected. This was a big disappointment to the friends of Southern, for the campaign was conceived as the certain route to permanent financial security.

The campaign was the first of a series of big programs in Dr. Spivey's administration to win statewide interest. It made many new friends for the institution and enabled Dr. Spivey to lay before the public his ambitious plans to make Southern a bigger school, with a larger enrollment, more buildings and increasing academic prestige. Many men and women who subscribed during the campaign and later found themselves unable to pay their pledges have nevertheless continued their loyal interest in Southern.

#### FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Fraternalities and sororities appeared on the campus for the first time in the autumn of 1925. The group now includes Beta Mu, Pi Kappa and Theta Kappa Psi fraternities and Kappa Gamma Tau, Nu Tau Beta, Theta Pi Delta, Phi Delta and Chi Delta Nu sororities. Several groups of students organized themselves and presented petitions to President Alderman near the close of



his administration. He refused permission for the introduction of fraternities and sororities on the campus, explaining that he and members of the board of trustees did not care to pass on to a new administration a new feature of student life which might be contrary to the policies of the incoming president. No successor to Dr. Alderman had been named at that time. The students carried on their organization activities secretly and without embarrassment to Dr. Alderman, laying the foundation for what has proved to be a happy phase of campus life at Southern. As soon as Dr. Spivey arrived in Lakeland, student representatives interviewed him regarding sororities and fraternities. He not only recognized the groups but also encouraged them in their immediate plans. Suites for the sororities were set aside in the dormitory for women. Members of Pi Kappa fraternity built a house on Mississippi Avenue, while members of Beta Mu and Theta Kappa Psi rented their homes.

These groups have cooperated splendidly with the administration. In but few instances have they failed to abide by the college traditions against liquor, dancing and gambling. On the other hand, they have constantly done much to help Southern. They have improved the social spirit of the campus, readily assisted Dr. Spivey in his various programs and encouraged high scholastic standing. Beta Mu fraternity constructed the road leading from the entrance on McDonald Street to the college buildings, Pi Kappa fraternity contributed the brick columns at the entrance, Chi Delta Nu sorority placed an attractive sign over the entrance, and the other groups have made equally valuable contributions from time to time. Interest in the literary societies began to wane as soon as fraternities and sororities made their appearance. It was not long, therefore, before the literary groups lost their identities. There has been some interest in debating, but this has been only slight.

Encouraged by the increasing enrollment, Dr. Spivey appeared before the trustees on December 2, 1925, with the plea that more buildings be erected as soon as possible. He was especially anxious that a dormitory for men be given immediate consideration. The matter was referred to a committee composed of E. T. Roux, L. N. Pipkin and E. E. Edge, and this building for men was completed a little more than six months afterward.

The minutes of the meeting of the trustees held June 2, 1926, state: "Dr. Spivey called attention to the dormitory for men now being constructed on the west side of the campus, inviting the trustees to inspect the building. He further explained that in view of the present crowded condition of our dining room and the still further demands that will be made upon it at the next semester on account of the increasing number of girls, that he plans to establish a cafeteria in connection with the men's dormitory where all the male students would be served their meals. After much discus-

sion, it was finally agreed that this was purely a matter of administration and the trustees voted their endorsement of this and other plans that Dr. Spivey may see fit to inaugurate for the further betterment of the school."

This dormitory, a two-story structure made of brick, was built at a cost of \$25,000, this amount being used from the fund collected through the million-dollar campaign begun early in 1926. It was intended that the building should accommodate thirty-six students. It faces on Johnson Avenue, across the grove from the main building of the college.

The cafeteria plan suggested by Dr. Spivey was tried, but it was abandoned after six months. Eating alone, the men students became too slovenly in dress and too careless in manners, it was found. There was also a tendency on the part of the women students to pay less attention to appearance. Since that experiment, Dr. Spivey has frequently expressed the opinion that co-educational eating is one of the most socializing and refining influences of a co-educational institution.

The building erected for men students has been used during recent years as a home for Beta Mu fraternity.

#### FORMAL INAUGURATION

Formal inauguration of Dr. Spivey took place on Wednesday morning, January 27, 1926, at First Methodist Church, Lakeland. This impressively dignified occasion was attended by many notables from Florida and other states of the South, among them presidents or other representatives from a large number of institutions of higher learning. The academic procession began in front of the Lakeland Terrace Hotel, and continued to the church. Dr. W. F. Dunkle, a member of the Florida Conference, gave the invocation, and the late Dr. A. A. Murphree, then president of the University of Florida, delivered the principal address. "The Task of Education in Florida" was his subject. Other speakers were Dr. J. P. Hilburn, who extended greetings from the Florida Conference; Dr. Guy E. Snavely, president of Birmingham-Southern College, who was spokesman for a large group of the South's educational institutions; Dr. Hamilton Holt, president of Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, of Nashville, assistant secretary of missions for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Dr. George R. Stuart, then pastor of First Methodist Church, Birmingham. The benediction was said by Dr. J. H. Daniel, a member of the Florida Conference. The ceremonies were presided over by Mr. J. Edgar Wall, president of the board of trustees.

In one of his first meetings with the trustees after the beginning of his first year, Dr. Spivey stressed the necessity for rigid economy and mentioned several items to which he had already given attention with a view to reducing expenses. He

had dismissed the night watchman, one of the cooks and one of the ground men, and had bought several cows. Thenceforth, everything would be done as nearly as possible on a cash basis, he announced, explaining that he had made a budget for 1925-26, and presenting an outline of operating expenses. He said he would need \$30,000 to run the college until Christmas, \$10,000 of this to be used in paying teachers, \$10,000 for open accounts and \$10,000 for notes.

"I am firmly convinced," he said, "that the time has come for us to stop signing notes and begin to pay notes. We shall never be in any better condition to attack this debt problem than now." It was at this meeting also that he proposed the campaign for one million dollars.

Such a stand by Dr. Spivey, accompanied by immediate action, brought assurance to the trustees that they had elected to the presidency a man who was not simply an academician, but also an executive with a practical mind, a president who took the attitude of a business man in dealing with the budget. With the full confidence of his trustees, the new president was free to exercise his initiative in several directions.

It is not surprising that the usually staid trustees applauded the financial statement submitted by Dr. Spivey June 2, 1926, which revealed that the college had not only been operated without further indebtedness, but showed a net earning of \$5,000 for the year. This immediate success on the part of the new president undoubtedly did much to hold the confidence of the trustees during the darker days of depression which were to come later.

In keeping with the program of expansion, the president recommended at the June meeting that plans be made for introducing a summer session the following year. It was pointed out that classes through the summer months would meet an increasing demand on the part of students for work which would enable them to complete their courses in less than four years, and would also provide a summer income for faculty members, without additional expense to the college. The summer program was adopted as recommended and has been a part of Southern's general program, some of the summer sessions drawing almost as many students as the regular sessions. The enrollment has always included a large number of public school teachers seeking additional credit for their certificates, and the heaviest registration, therefore, has been in the department of education.

It is a significant fact that more than 1,000 former students of Southern are teaching in Florida's public schools, and that more than 200 of these are employed in Hillsborough County.

Three hundred and ninety-six students were enrolled during the regular session of 1925-26. Most of the men and women who were members of the faculty when Dr. Spivey took charge were retained

and several new instructors were added to take care of the demand for more classes which came with a larger enrollment.

"I am happy to report to you that the general state of the college is good," the new president was able to say to the trustees at the end of his first year. "The physical, mental and moral life of the student body has been, it seems to me, above the average. \* \* \* I feel that we have accomplished quite a little as far as the mental and moral attitudes of our students are concerned. Not only have we tried to train the minds of our young men and women, but we believe that we have at least partially succeeded in training them morally and spiritually, giving them a finer outlook on life."

When classes began September 16, 1927, there

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was such a substantial increase in enrollment that the board of education was able to report to the annual conference a total of 446. Such an impressive increase was received as ample evidence of Dr. Spivey's ability as a builder and encouraged patrons of Southern in their opinion that a new day for the institution had arrived. Student activities new to Southern's campus were added, additional faculty members were engaged, Lakeland citizens became more enthusiastic, the athletic situation looked much better and the students were becoming more actively loyal to the policies of the new administration.

Speakers at the opening exercises in the autumn of 1927 included W. S. Rodgers, mayor of Lakeland; Ed R. Bentley, president of the chamber of commerce; D. Hodson Lewis, secretary; Dr. M. H. Norton, presiding elder of the Bartow district; E. T. Roux, member of the board of trustees, and Dr. Spivey. Dr. H. A. Spencer, pastor of College Heights Methodist Church, gave the opening prayer, and Dr. W. A. Myres, pastor of First Methodist Church, pronounced the benediction. It was on this occasion that the students sang their new Alma Mater, composed by two students, Miss Mary Gatewood Pulliam (later Mrs. Sam Banks) and Herman Watkins.

Presiding elders of the conference and the executive committee of the board of trustees had held a joint meeting at Southern November 26, 1926, to take action regarding the original building debt. The meeting was called by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, who presided. Those in attendance were L. N. Pipkin, E. T. Roux, A. Fred Turner, R. H. Barnett, W. F. Dunkle, Ludd M. Spivey, M. H. Norton, J. P. Hilburn, R. Ira Barnett, C. Fred Blackburn, H. J. Haeflinger, W. M. Mullen, J. H. Daniel, W. A. Myres, R. H. Barnett, S. I. Hendrix and Fred Pixton.

Mr. Roux, treasurer of the board of trustees, explained that the college would owe principal in the amount of \$30,000 and interest in the amount of \$6,000, December 15, and urged that immediate



steps be taken to attend to this total obligation of \$36,000. This was only a small part of the building debt, of course. There was a motion that each presiding elder immediately urge the pastors to make a special effort to collect the balance due on Christian education pledges, and that all money so collected be forwarded to the college not later than December 12. This motion was offered by Dr. Norton and seconded by Dr. Dunkle. Dr. Daniel offered a motion that Bishop Dobbs send each pastor a telegram urging prompt attention to the raising of the necessary funds. This telegram was to be read to the congregation. Mr. Roux seconded this motion and it was carried. Rev. R. H. Barnett dismissed the meeting with prayer.

#### BONDS ISSUED

To trace Southern's accumulating debt to another important stage, it is necessary to go forward for a moment to 1928, when members of the Florida Conference convened at the college on February 28 for a called meeting, which was presided over by Bishop Dobbs. At his request, the members resolved themselves into a legal conference, and this group voted to issue bonds to cover the debt. This was done on recommendation of Southern's president, who, in proposing the bond issue, said he was willing to attempt to operate the college without the annual contribution of \$32,000, provided this sum be part of that to be turned toward the big debt. Having hung over the institution several years as a very discouraging factor, this obligation was something about which the president, members of the board of trustees and others interested in Southern's welfare were deeply concerned. They were becoming impatient to take care of the matter that was a shadow upon the credit of the institution and an impediment to its progress.

As soon as the called meeting had begun, I. S. Patterson moved that the group rescind action of the legal session taken at Jacksonville, June, 1927, to authorize a bond issue for Southern. There were seconds by J. Edgar Wilson and W. K. Piner. Dr. Spivey then addressed the group and presented a resolution for a substitute bond issue in lieu of the one which had just been put aside by the motion to rescind. His important resolution, which was unanimously adopted, follows:

"Whereas, Southern College is in need of funds with which to pay off and discharge certain outstanding obligations, as well as to provide funds for conducting and carrying on the educational work of said institution;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under and by virtue of Chapter 4247, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Florida, approved May 30, 1893, in regular annual session convened, that Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, issue its first mortgage serial gold bonds in the

aggregate amount of \$325,000, number from 1 to 405, both inclusive, dated the first day of April, 1928, bearing interest from date at the rate of six per cent per annum, said interest to be payable semi-annually on the first day of April and October of each year, commencing on the first day of October, 1928, said bonds to mature and be payable to the bearer thereof, unless registered, and to the registered holder, if registered, in the denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 each as follows: (Here follows a list of said bonds and their respective maturities and the designation of the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville as trustee thereunder.)

"Be it further resolved that to secure the payment of the principal of all said bonds, and the interest thereon, issued pursuant to these resolutions, the full faith and credit of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as well as \$32,000 of educational assessments heretofore or hereafter to be made by said Conference be, and the same are hereby, pledged, and said Southern College, acting by and through its proper trustees and officers, shall duly execute any and all proper deeds of trust and other instruments in writing mortgaging and pledging all of the real properties, and improvements thereon, of said Southern College campus to secure the payment of said principal sums of said bonds and the interest thereon; with the exception of two acres to be reserved for administration building, that said bonds shall be executed for and on behalf of said Conference and in its corporate name, by its president, and shall have affixed thereto the corporate seal attested by its secretary, of said Conference; that said bonds, the interest coupons and trustee's certificates, with the variations as to number, amount and maturity, shall be in substantially the following form, with appropriate insertions, omissions and variations: (Here follows a copy of the form of the bonds to be issued hereunder.)"

Dr. M. H. Norton moved that the resolution be adopted. There were seconds by Dr. B. F. Rogers and Dr. W. A. Cooper. The resolution was adopted.

This action taken, the college was theoretically free of its burden of debt. This decrease in pressure came at a proper moment, for it left the president of the institution free to battle an economic depression that was threatening to close Southern's doors.

Unfortunately, the conference eventually found itself unable to meet the obligation it had brought upon itself by issuing the bonds, for, with money becoming scarce, it had its own immediate troubles. The campaign launched and directed by Dr. Spivey in 1933 to retire this bonded debt will be discussed in detail in later pages.

#### TUCKER MEMORIAL FUND

The Gertrude Agnes Tucker Memorial fund of \$25,000 was established by Dr. H. A. Tucker, a

retired Presbyterian minister, January 25, 1927, when the gift was offered to the board of trustees and accepted.

"I am now near the end of my life work and will soon follow this noble woman," Dr. Tucker said in presenting the fund in memory of his deceased wife. "And while we were never rich, yet, by economy, we were able to save a little, and I know she would rather have me place what we saved for the benefit of young people than to use it in any other way, and this is why this memorial trust fund has been established." Dr. Tucker is living in Tampa, and continues to be a good friend of Southern College.

This memorial trust fund was accepted at the morning session of the trustees. They met that afternoon for a brief session, at which Dr. Spivey requested and received approval to divide the year into quarters in order to make provision for summer sessions of the college. The first summer session to be held at Southern in many years, therefore, was conducted in 1927, and a summer program has been sponsored each year since then.

Permission to borrow \$20,000, if possible, to continue the work of the college until the close of the scholastic year was voted to Dr. Spivey at a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees, which was held at Lakeland, April 6, 1927, and attended by J. Edgar Wall, president; L. N. Pipkin, vice-president, and E. T. Roux, treasurer.

Making his annual report to the trustees May 30, 1927, Dr. Spivey stated that the college had an enrollment of 446 students, 398 of these being regular college students, and the remaining 48 being extension students. This total did not include music students. Had they been included, there would have been a total of approximately 550 students for that year.

Dr. Spivey's report showed that the regular college enrollment included 26 seniors, 37 juniors, 119 sophomores, 207 freshmen and 9 special students. This was an increase of thirty per cent over the enrollment for 1925-26, Dr. Spivey's first year. Every room in the dormitory for women was occupied at the beginning of the 1926-27 session. Several of the young women who were serving as waitresses in the dining room were assigned comfortable rooms over the kitchen. Although these rooms originally were built for this purpose, they were later converted into quarters for the department of home economics.

Announcement was made at this meeting of the trustees that Southern had been accepted as a member of the American Association of Colleges and that the campus had been improved in several ways. Regret was expressed by Dr. Spivey that the college was not yet qualified for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Low faculty salaries, lack of proper physical equipment and insufficient endowment were mentioned as Southern's disqualifying factors.

"We have nineteen students who are candidates for the ministry," Dr. Spivey stated in his report. "We are recommending that all our ministerial graduates attend our own religious seminaries. The ministerial students are doing a magnificent piece of work for the community. Each of them goes out nearly every Sunday to preach at some local church.

"The moral and spiritual condition of our students remains on the high standard of past years. During the year, Rev. A. Fred Turner conducted a revival for us, at which time nearly all the college students re-dedicated their lives to God and His Kingdom. Drinking is almost unknown among our students, so far as I can find out. During the year, one boy was under the influence of liquor, and he was promptly dismissed from the college. Aside from two young women leaving the dormitory at night without permission, the spirit of our girls has been most gratifying indeed. The two young women in question were promptly dealt with and were sent to their homes. Today, one hears a great deal about women smoking. I am glad to report to you that we have no trouble whatever with cigarette smoking among our young women."

### 36 FACULTY MEMBERS

The faculty for 1926-27 had included thirty-six men and women, an increase of sixteen over the preceding year, and three more instructors were recommended for appointment.

One thousand and thirty-nine books had been added to the library, and fifty-four magazines had been received regularly. Four hundred of the books had been purchased. The others were donations from faculty members, students and friends of the college. Special contributions were received from Dr. Elmer T. Clark, of Nashville, Tennessee; L. N. Pipkin, of Mulberry, and Dr. Cary Carter, of Winter Haven.

Always an enthusiastic supporter of clean athletics, Dr. Spivey did not fail to give immediate attention to this phase of campus life when he came to Southern. His first move in this respect was to select as athletic director, Coach James R. Haygood, a former quarterback on the Vanderbilt University football team, who had been coaching nearly twenty years at a small college in Arkansas. Coach Haygood took charge in August, 1925, making it a point to begin his program by traveling about Florida on a good-will tour, which included, of course, the athletic departments of the state's other institutions of higher learning.

Coach Haygood had an encouraging number of candidates with which to begin the football season, but there was but little possibility of an ambitious program for the first year. He simply bided his time, made friends and planned, at the same time making the most of the material at his disposal.



### COACH HAYGOOD

Coach Haygood had a personality that inspired a ready and loyal response on the part of fans. He was a man who made friends on first contact and kept them. A tanned, bald and rather frail man of middle age, he had an easy, poised manner that was irresistible. He appeared to be in a good humor always, for he seldom was without a smile and a greeting that was genuine. His players slaved for him, not because they feared him, but because they had tremendous admiration for him as a man, and they respected his excellent judgment. He had a quick mind and taught his men to play cleverly. Unlike many coaches, he did not let his nerves get on edge during football games. Indeed, he usually appeared to be the calmest individual in attendance at his games. He kept his casual, genial manner, and this had a quieting effect upon his players. To observe him conducting a football practice session, was to see a man greatly in earnest, but a man who was not excitable. He was facetious and jocular with his players much of the time. He laughed indulgently over their mistakes, and they always tried a little harder. He was anything but an aggressive hand-shaker, but whenever he appeared in public, the fans flocked about him. It was the affection of the crowd for a good sport and a likeable man.

Coach Haygood did much to build up Southern athletics in the mind of the public. He won no games with his teams that were especially sensational victories, but he produced smart, fighting teams that became known for their sportsmanship. Having served as assistant to Coach Wallace Wade in conducting at other institutions several summer training schools for coaches, Coach Haygood sponsored several such schools at Southern, which were conducted by Coach Wade. These sessions brought a large number of coaches from Florida and other states. After three years at Southern, Coach Haygood joined the coaching staff at the University of Alabama, and later coached in Tennessee. He died suddenly in January, 1935.

### NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

A new athletic field, constructed on the northeast corner of the campus and properly fenced, was dedicated Saturday afternoon, October 23, 1926, before a crowd of nearly three thousand. This new project was christened Southern Field. B. L. Hamner, prominent Tampa realtor and developer, delivered the dedicatory address. W. S. Rodgers spoke for Lakeland, and Dr. A. Fred Turner gave the invocation. Dr. Spivey presided.

The football game which followed with the Erskine College team resulted in a 29 to 0 victory for Southern. The starting line-up for Southern included Joe Tolle and Dewey Spooner, ends; Jack Stanley and Herbert "Mule" Wasson, tackles; Dee

Mosley and Eddie Spring, guards; Braxton "Red" Watkins, center; Roy Lott, quarterback; Hollis Galloway and Cale Kellar, halfbacks, and Ellis Park Greene, fullback. Substitutions were made as follows: Bill Harkle for Wasson, Walter Spooner for Stanley, Taylor Reese for Kellar, Allen Crowley for Greene, Kendall Tolle for Joe Tolle, Sam Banks for Dewey Spooner, Vernon "Stubble" Everett for Spring, Wasson for Harkle, Gardner McPherson for Reese, Jimmy Whidden for Lott, Guy Hamilton for Stanley and Mosley for Watkins.

Three other football games played since Dr. Spivey's administration began are of special interest to former Southern students and other fans who have followed the activities of the Moccasins from season to season. Two of these were played with the Stetson University Hatters, the other with the University of Chattanooga team.

### HATTERS AND MOCCASINS

Intense athletic rivalry between Southern and Stetson has existed for many years, especially where football has been concerned. The Stetson game has always held more interest than any other game on the Moccasin schedule, and the game with Southern has always been the high point of interest on Stetson's schedule. This rivalry had grown to considerable proportions when the two teams met at Lakeland, on Southern Field, on the afternoon of October 29, 1927. Coach Herbert R. McQuillan, a former coach at Lakeland High School, had been at Stetson several years, building up a strong football team. Although Coach Haygood had been at Southern only a year, he had been able to organize some excellent material, and fans knew this game was to be a furious contest. Stetson faculty members and students journeyed to Lakeland on a special train, bringing their uniformed band along.

However, it was not a decisive game, for it ended in a 6 to 6 tie, leaving fans on both sides to lay claim to a technical victory. Southern's touchdown was made possible by an old but disconcerting play. It still is recalled by Moccasin fans when they sit down for an evening of reminiscences. Stetson had already scored six points when Gardner McPherson, Southern left end, planted near the sideline across the field from the other players, received a twenty-five yard pass from Cale Kellar, quarterback, and ran twenty-five yards before he was stopped. That put the ball within two yards of Stetson's goal line. Russell Dugan, fullback, then made a line plunge to score Southern's lone touchdown and to tie the game. This happened in the second quarter. Stetson had scored in the first quarter on a pass from Larry Bernard, quarterback, to Cher Freeman, left halfback. Southern's starting players for this game were Gardner McPherson and Abbie Carlton, ends; Herbert "Mule" Wasson and Bill Harkle, tackles; Eddie Spring and Dee Mosley, guards; Marcus

"Joker" Marchant, center; Cale Kellar, quarterback; Allen Crowley and Taylor Reese, halfbacks, and Russell Dugan, fullback.

Another memorable game was played with Stetson on the afternoon of November 3, 1928, at DeLand, when the Moccasins scored a 13 to 0 victory which inspired a new enthusiasm among Southern fans. This game was scheduled as the principal event of Stetson's Homecoming Day program, and it was on this occasion that Stetson's new athletic field was dedicated. Many of Florida's notables were present to see the two teams play off their tie of the 1927 season. Cale Kellar, fullback, and Taylor Reese, quarterback, hit the line for Southern's touchdowns. Clifton Murrell, halfback, kicked goal for the extra point. The starting line-up included Rigsby Satterfield and Herbert "Buck" Lyon, ends; C. A. Stevens and Mosique Harrison, tackles; Eddie Spring and Herbert "Mule" Wasson, guards; Marcus "Joker" Marchant, center; Taylor Reese, quarterback; Clifton Murrell and Dee Mosley, halfbacks, and Cale Kellar, fullback. Coach Jess Burbage was in charge of Moccasin football that year.

After a series of victories during the 1928 season, Southern's Moccasins found themselves among the leading teams of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and it was thought they had a good chance to win the championship. The deciding game was played with the University of Chattanooga, which ended in a 19 to 0 defeat for Southern and disappointed what was perhaps the largest following a Southern College football team had ever had. But the engagement came at a time when five of Southern's best players were physically unable to enter the game. The Southern players starting in that game were Abbie Carlton and Herbert "Buck" Lyon, ends; C. A. Stevens and Mosique Harrison, tackles; Walter Spooner and Eddie Spring, guards; Jennings Rou, center; Taylor Reese, quarterback; Clifton Murrell and Dee Mosley, halfbacks, and Louis Baldwin, fullback.

Besides Coach Haygood and Coach Burbage, others who have been on Southern's athletic staff during Dr. Spivey's administration are E. P. "Robin" Hood, G. T. "Doc" Melton, Ernest "Goof" Bowyer, Johnny Haynes and Johnny Woodall. Coach Walter Woolfolk, a graduate of Southern, was appointed in 1934 and instructed to put Moccasin athletics back on an intercollegiate basis. After 1929, the financing of athletics on an intercollegiate scale became such a difficult problem that decision was reached to confine the program to intramural contests. This was done with success for awhile, fraternity rivalry serving to stimulate considerable interest. But fans who could not forget the thrilling games which Southern had played with other institutions began to plead for a return to intercollegiate contests. In preparing the schedule for 1934, Coach Woolfolk included Stetson, Miami, Rollins and Tampa, hoping to work up interesting seasonal engagements carrying a wide appeal.

## NEW GYMNASIUM

In keeping with his effort to do everything possible for Southern's athletic program, the president was successful in providing for the erection of a gymnasium, a building that had been greatly needed. Ground for the gymnasium was broken on March 3, 1927, between the dormitory for women and the athletic field. Heavy timbers for the building were contributed by the Southern Phosphate Company from an old washer on the Mulberry road. The dismantling of this washer was done by fifteen men students. A larger group went to Tampa and dismantled the Billy Sunday tabernacle for lumber that had been contributed. Harry L. Askew, general manager of the Roux Crate Company, at Lake Garfield, contributed 10,000 feet of flooring, and there were several other smaller contributions. The remainder of the necessary materials were purchased.

Besides giving the students an excellent floor for such indoor games as basketball, volley ball, and tennis, the new gymnasium offered ample room for classes in physical education and included a stage and six class rooms. The art department was in this building three years, and members of the Vagabond Club, campus dramatic organization, held their weekly meetings in a room in the "loft." The main room of this building was used several years as an auditorium for chapel services and other public meetings.

## ENROLLMENT OF 827

When the board of trustees met for their annual session on the afternoon of May 28, 1928, Dr. Spivey reported a total enrollment of 827 students for the entire year, including the summer session of 1927 and extension students. There were forty-four students in the senior class, sixty-five in the junior class, 113 in the sophomore class and 177 in the freshman class. The extension classes included 317 students and the summer school 113.

This unprecedented increase in enrollment placed Southern third among the thirty-one senior colleges then operating under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dr. Spivey's report also included reference to the increasingly difficult job of financing the college. Money was becoming more scarce every day, and students and parents were more and more baffled in their effort to obtain money with which to meet college expenses. Despite the stringency of the times, however, the president was able to report that he had ended his third year without a deficit. He has continued this record. It has been necessary to reduce faculty salaries which he raised upon coming to Southern, and it has been necessary to reduce expenses in other directions, but the trustees, who had become weary of fighting the wolf from the door, have had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Spivey a no-deficit report for each of his nine years as president.



## THE BELIEVERS' CLUB

Working with all his strength and enthusiasm to keep Southern open in a time of economic depression when many colleges were having to close their doors, Dr. Spivey felt that the college could continue if a sufficient number of friends would demonstrate their interest and loyalty. It was not a matter of getting a few individuals to contribute large sums of money, he decided, but rather a matter of getting a large number of individuals to contribute small sums. This led him to conceive the idea of a Believers in Southern College Club, the membership fee to be only one dollar. He immediately set out to make several speeches a day to tell the people of Florida about his new plan. That was in the spring of 1928. Many banks in the state had failed, and it was feared that others were going to fail.

Civic clubs, church groups, alumni clubs and other organizations quickly caught Dr. Spivey's enthusiasm for the club of Believers, and the dollars began to come in. Twenty-five days after he made his first speech about the plan, 5,000 persons had joined and the enthusiasm was increasing. Ministers of the Florida Conference pledged their members and the dollars began to come in from that source. It cost only one dollar to demonstrate faith in Southern and friends were ready to lend a hand. They simply needed to be called upon.

Before the Believers Club plan was presented in an organized manner to the other communities of Florida, Lakeland, as the home town of Southern, set an excellent example. June 26, 1928, was set aside as Lakeland's day for believing in Southern to the extent of making only one-dollar contributions. Seven thousand memberships had been received by noon, and nearly 10,000 were listed by sundown. A blast from the city fire whistle started the 200 campaigners to work that morning, and the whistle was blown each time 1,000 memberships were reported at headquarters in the city hall. Ed R. Bentley was chairman of the campaign, Hammond Jones was campaign manager, and W. S. Moore was secretary. The campaigners worked in two's, and a silver cup was offered as a reward for the two bringing in the largest number of memberships. This cup was won by W. S. Myrick and Walter O. Ropp. Into the Believers fund went \$250 left by the late Miss Sarah Polk, for many years a warm friend of Southern. Before the state-wide campaign for Believers had ended, \$25,000 in memberships had been received.

An operating statement submitted to the board of trustees by Walter O. Ropp, bursar, on May 27, 1929, affords interesting insight into Southern's financial status at that time. The report was prefaced by the following explanatory statement: "Attention is called to the fact that this is a tentative report, and that there will be some changes in the items contained in this report when the books are closed at the end of May. A few adjustments have to be made on account of inventories, but it

is my opinion that the total figures will show a very slight variation. Attention is also called to the fact that the repairs incident to the storm of last fall have been included in the operating expenses."

The income sheet of the statement gave the following information: book store, net income, \$675; summer school, \$102,419; tuition (regular) \$60,388; art, \$687.50; piano tuition, \$3,188; extra practice, \$21; private harmony, \$25; harmony, history of music, etc., \$764; voice (tuition), \$746.50; violin (tuition), \$863; pipe organ (tuition), \$278; matriculation fees, \$1,790; library fees, \$4,667; medical expense, \$1,029; laboratory fees, \$3,279.50; board, \$44,709.47; room rent, \$12,734; diploma fees, \$601.19; miscellaneous income, \$282.49; interest on endowment, \$3,304; current interest, \$45.40; discounts on purchases, \$53.83; Florida Conference Board of Education, \$4,500; grove income (net), \$388.25; rentals (caps and gowns), \$676; extension school, \$100; General Board of Education, \$500; special gifts for operating, \$1,270; million-dollar movement, \$2,674.64; Believers Club, \$5,697.60; (less reserve for bad accounts, \$4,470.09); total, \$152,492.67.

The current expenses sheet gave the following information: executive salaries, \$16,996.26; catalogues and publicity, \$5,374.77; stationery and supplies, \$318.85; telephone and telegraph, \$525.97; traveling expenses, \$2,107.18; miscellaneous expense, \$2,105.19; instructional salaries, \$64,633.78; scholarships for work, \$9,398.38; classroom supplies, \$1,064.90; maintenance of class rooms, \$450; library expense, \$3,039.30; ministerial discount, \$2,790.24; provisions, \$17,058.69; kitchen wages, \$8,066.78; kitchen supplies, \$243.42; dormitory wages, \$5,779.21; dormitory supplies, \$195.62; medical expense, \$1,542.28; athletics, \$1,913.25; truck upkeep and expense, \$769.56; laundry, \$326.06; heat, water and light, \$3,845.92; repairs, \$548.11; plant salaries, \$1,551; maintenance of grounds, \$649.80; storm repairs, \$1,023.21; (net income for the year, \$174.94); total, \$152,492.67.

Dr. Spivey's report, also made at the trustee meeting of May 27, stated that the enrollment for the year had included 72 seniors, 43 juniors, 110 sophomores and 153 freshmen. The graduating class, including fifty-one students receiving licentiate of instruction certificates, was composed of 123 students. The class of '26 had included only thirteen students.

The financial vexation of those darker days of bank failures and general depression is reflected in Dr. Spivey's report. "Another commencement is here," he said. "Because of the many hours of anxiety and hardships the year has brought us, I am not sorry that it is here. It is needless for me to deny that we have passed through an exceedingly difficult year so far as finances are concerned. Otherwise, I believe that this has been the most successful year of my stay at Southern College. Because of the storms without we have been able

to bind ourselves a little closer together for the accomplishing of our task."

It should be remembered that the annual appropriation of \$32,000 which had been coming from the Florida Conference for operating expenses was no longer available, inasmuch as this sum had been turned in another direction to be applied on the bonded debt.

#### WALK OF HONOR

A campus Walk of Honor, conceived by Dr. Spivey, was dedicated on March 31, 1931, with dignified exercises attended by a large number of faculty members, trustees, former students and visitors. Dr. John J. Tigert, president of the University of Florida, delivered the principal address, discussing the importance of the church college in the field of education. Harris G. Sims, instructor in journalism, read a brief history of Southern immediately preceding Dr. Tigert's address. Two former presidents of Southern, Dr. J. P. Hilburn and Rev. H. E. Partridge, were present. Dr. Hilburn offered the prayer that opened the program. There was a short talk by J. Edgar Wall, chairman of the board of trustees; a solo by Prof. Verman Kimbrough, baritone, head of the department of voice, and music by Southern's vested choir, under the direction of Prof. Howard J. Barnum, head of the department of music. The exercises began when faculty members and seniors, attired in academics, marched double-file from the east court, over the new walk and through the front entrance of the dormitory for women into the drawing room. Dr. Spivey severed the ribbons that had been stretched across the walk.

It was Dr. Spivey's original intention that the walk should be constructed primarily to do honor to one outstanding student from each class graduated since Southern's founding, and that one stone should be added each year for a member of the senior class to be selected by the faculty. In making their choice, the faculty members have conferred the honor upon those students regarded as most promising, most likely to succeed, but not necessarily those students who have made the highest scholastic average. Ability as reflected in campus activities has carried much weight in the selections.

Besides stones bearing the names of outstanding students regularly selected by the faculty, the walk includes stones for each former president of Southern, and one placed there by Theta Kappa Psi fraternity in memory of Rupert Smith, Jr., an unusually popular and capable student, who was killed in an automobile accident. A stone indicating that Southern was founded in 1885 was laid by Dean Carl S. Cox at the dedication exercises, and Miss Helen Kincaid, of Lake Wales, and Miss Jane Ridge, of Bartow, laid a stone bearing the name of Nu Tau Beta sorority. This organization sponsored the construction of the walk. There is also a stone for 1886, explaining that there was no

graduating class that year. The walk was constructed in front of the dormitory for women.

Students represented on the Walk of Honor, according to inscriptions which appear on the stones, follow: Henrietta Abney Lees, 1887; Stella Norton Whidden, 1888; Addie Abney Bardwell, 1889; Mrs. Sallie Fussell Hendry, 1890; W. C. Norton, 1891; H. W. Penney, 1892; C. D. Walker, 1893; E. W. J. Hardee, 1894; Thomas Fielding, 1895; B. F. Lovelace, 1896; Victor H. Knight, 1897; M. H. Norton, 1898; R. Ira Barnett, 1899; Fred Barnett, 1900; F. E. Steinmeyer, 1901; J. E. Woodward, 1902; W. F. Fletcher, 1903; Finly Patterson, 1904; Grace Parker Walker, 1905; Beulah Wilson Barnett, 1906; D. D. Dieffenwierth, 1907; Martha Cason Wilson, 1908; Paul A. Fletcher, 1909; H. Carter Hardin, 1910; Garfield Evans, 1911; O. O. Feaster, 1912; J. H. Daniel, 1913; Roberta Cason Waters, 1914; S. A. Wilson, 1915; O. E. Rice, 1916; Mary Conrad Riggs, 1917; Elbert M. Stanton, Jr., 1918; Karl H. Koestline, 1919; Henry W. Blackburn, 1920; Christine Stout Evans, 1921; Eunice Pipkin Barnes, 1922; Frank V. Chappell, 1923; Hester Douglas Maynard, 1924; James D. Hurt, 1925; Lois Kersey, 1926; Corning Tolle, 1927; Harris Sims, 1928; Oween Sumner, 1929; Gerald Knoff, 1930; Frances Murray Wilson, 1931; Evelyn Link, 1932; Hamilton Jones, 1933; Waldo Cleveland, 1934.

Thoroughly progressive, especially in his theology, Dr. Spivey has sought to make Southern a progressive institution. It has been his purpose to instill in the minds of the students principles conducive to religious tolerance. He has stressed Methodism, but has not dwelt upon theology for its own sake in his chapel addresses. He has, however, stressed always the importance of thoughtful, wholesome living that takes into consideration the general welfare and rights of the human family. His teachings have been a unique combination of sociology, psychology, philosophy and theology, but always with a religious meaning. He has seldom been inarticulate, but at times he has been misunderstood. He has a terse, original, energetic and hyperbolic manner of expressing himself in public address, and he is not always a patient speaker. Consequently, some have misinterpreted his teachings. His messages have been positive, provocative and stimulating. His critics have never been indifferent in their appraisal of his views. They have been either very enthusiastic or in firm disagreement, and it is probably true that much of the adverse criticism that has been aimed at him has been the result of literal interpretation of his statements. He has a disconcerting manner of uttering a conclusion without giving the major and minor premises, assuming that his auditors are following him from one topical statement to another.

It was inevitable that a man of his type should have his critics. Such a man could not reasonably carry on fervent espousal of his philosophy of life without ultimately meeting some opposition, for



much of what he teaches runs counter to the static interpretation of religion.

His comment concerning a religious forum held in Tampa on the night of February 24, 1931, brought forth objection from some, but as soon as his readers and hearers understood him, most of them apparently adopted his conclusions.

Since that time, Dr. Spivey has preached in practically every church in the Florida Conference, several times in many of them, and has been called to other states to serve as principal speaker in church training schools and other religious gatherings.

#### RINGLING ART SCHOOL

Under the leadership of President Spivey as director, the Ringling Art School and Junior College was founded at Sarasota, in 1931, to be conducted, academically, in connection with Southern. The new institution was made possible through the generosity of John Ringling, circus owner, who opened the doors of the John and Mabel Ringling Art Museum, at Sarasota, to art students in order that they might make frequent reference to the famous objects of art in his collection.

The Sarasota school was opened with elaborate ceremonies in the early autumn of 1931, which were held in the open-air rectangle enclosed by the twenty large galleries of the museum. Besides President Spivey, who presided over the occasion, the speakers included Mr. Ringling, Bishop John M. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, Congressman Herbert J. Drane, J. Edgar Wall, chairman of the board of trustees, and several other prominent persons. An audience of 2,000 was in attendance.

President Spivey directed the affairs of the Ringling School for more than a year, building up a famous faculty, a strong curriculum and a large enrollment. Mr. Ringling had hoped to be able to give liberal financial support to this new educational project, but later found he could not. Feeling that he could not carry on as effectively as he wished the affairs of both Southern and the Ringling School, without expected support for the latter, President Spivey resigned as director.

#### ALLAN SPIVEY PASSES AWAY

Faculty members, students and other friends were made sad by the passing of Allan Spivey, seven-year-old son of President and Mrs. Spivey, during the commencement season, in May, 1932. Having been attacked several days before by a dog, he succumbed to rabies on Monday night preceding the graduating exercises scheduled for Tuesday morning.

Instead of having the usual elaborate exercises at the city auditorium, faculty and students voted to make the graduating program a simple affair and held it in the drawing room of the dormitory for women. Dean Carl S. Cox presided and presented the diplomas and certificates.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning in the drawing room. The body of the little boy, who was a favorite among the membership of Southern's campus, lay in state in front of the huge fireplace, on both sides of which were many beautiful flowers. A large number of sorrowing and sympathetic friends were present for the rites.

#### CAMPAIGN FOR \$79,000

Impatient to remove the huge indebtedness which had been a burden on Southern several years, President Spivey proposed and led a campaign, in the spring of 1933, for \$79,000, the amount needed to retire an original bonded obligation of \$316,000. Most of this latter amount represented the building program which was carried out in order to provide a new home for Southern when the school was removed to Lakeland in 1922.

Friends less venturesome than President Spivey advised against attempting such a difficult campaign in the midst of fierce economic depression, but he insisted upon going through with it, even after President Roosevelt had closed the banks of the country.

Encouraged by President Spivey's boldness, leaders in Polk County and Plant City joined in a ten-day campaign which was a striking success. Luncheon meetings, at which workers reported their progress, were held daily in the gymnasium of First Methodist Church.

W. D. Gray, of Winter Haven, served as county chairman for the drive, and E. E. Kelley, Jr., as general chairman. The county committee included L. P. Kirkland, Auburndale; W. F. Eger, Bartow; Mrs. T. C. Banks, Frostproof; Grady Bailey, Haines City; C. E. Crosland, Lake Wales; E. B. Lawrence, Mulberry, and Leslie B. Anderson, Winter Haven.

On the fiscal committee were President Spivey, A. E. Fowler, E. E. Kelley, Jr., D. B. Kibler, Jr., and C. V. McClurg, all of Lakeland.

The executive committee of Lakelanders: E. S. Allsopp, H. H. Allsopp, J. Allen Barnett, Fred Benford, C. C. Blanc, W. M. Carter, Dr. R. L. Cline, Sam H. Farabee, J. N. Greening, M. F. Hetherington, Ira C. Hopper, Hervey W. Laird, E. L. Mack, J. Hardin Peterson, W. S. Rodgers, Harris G. Sims, Jay C. Smith, Dr. Herman Watson, John R. Wright and Dr. L. N. Wyatt.

Captains for Division "A," headed by J. Allen Barnett: Dr. J. R. Boulware, D. U. Duncan, A. E. Fowler, S. D. Roberts and Mrs. D. L. Hagan.

Captains for Division "B," headed by Dr. C. K. Vliet: Dr. S. A. Clark, A. F. Pickard, Dr. L. N. Wyatt, Angelo Raymondo and Guy H. Wilson.

Captains for Division "C," headed by Dr. R. L. Cline: Walrer O. Ropp, Carl S. Cox, W. S. Myrick, Don Miller and W. S. Rodgers.

Captains for Division "D," headed by H. H. Allsopp: Glenn Lassiter, J. W. King, Fred Benford, Norman S. Stone and Richard Naylor.

The advisory and honorary committee included the following: E. S. Allsopp, H. H. Allsopp, J. Allen Barnett, Dr. R. Ira Barnett, Fred Benford, C. C. Blanc, Dr. J. R. Boulware, Jr., Rev. P. M. Boyd, W. M. Carter, Dr. S. A. Clark, Dr. R. L. Cline, Carl S. Cox, Dr. C. M. Crosswy, Hon. Herbert J. Drane, D. U. Duncan, Sam H. Farabee, Mrs. Nono Dunklin, Rev. M. J. Farley, A. E. Fowler, J. Neal Greening, Mrs. D. L. Hagan, Rev. G. G. Halliburton, Mrs. J. B. Hannah, M. F. Hetherington, Ira C. Hopper, E. E. Kelley, Jr., D. B. Kibler, Jr., J. W. King, E. M. Knight, Hervey W. Laird, Mrs. T. J. Lander, Glenn R. Lassiter, Miss Charlotte Lowe, E. L. Mack, C. V. McClurg, Don Miller, W. S. Myrick, Richard M. Naylor, Hon. J. Hardin Peterson, A. F. Pickard, L. N. Pipkin, Dr. C. A. Raymond, Angelo Raymondo, S. D. Roberts, W. S. Rodgers, Walter O. Ropp, Harris G. Sims, John T. Slack, Mrs. John T. Slack, C. F. Smith, Jay C. Smith, Hon. Park T. Trammell, Isaac Van Horn, Dr. C. K. Vliet, Dr. Herman Watson, Dr. J. Edgar Wilson, Guy H. Wilson, Dr. John F. Wilson, Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, Mrs. George M. Wright, John R. Wright, Rev. C. E. Wyatt and Dr. L. N. Wyatt, Lakeland; Dr. E. S. Alderman, Dr. R. J. Chady, C. E. Crosland, W. J. Frink, C. L. Johnson, F. M. O'Bryne, Dr. H. F. Tolle, Lake Wales; W. D. Gray, Leslie B. Anderson, Dr. W. A. Cooper, Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, Russell N. Haas, J. W. Janssen, F. B. Knoff, John F. May, Harwell Wilson, Winter Haven; Grady Bailey, Mrs. Mittie Cline, Major Paul Crank, Harry E. Johnson, Mrs. Harry E. Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Luther, Rev. W. M. Mullen, Dr. W. W. Shaffer, Haines City; Mrs. T. C. Banks, Rev. J. P. Lilly, Johnathan Maxey, W. B. Sewell, Mrs. W. B. Sewell, Frostproof; W. F. Bevis, Lawton M. Childs, Harold Day, W. F. Eger, Roy T. Gallemore, Dr. H. J. Haeflinger, R. C. Hamilton, Spessard L. Holland, H. P. Lindenfelser, W. B. Rodgers, Dr. E. Watt Smith, A. L. Vergason, Judge Chester M. Wiggins, Bartow; Rev. J. F. Clark, C. A. French, Mulberry; Rev. J. Max Cook, Rev. C. M. Cotton, L. P. Kirkland, Auburndale; E. E. Edge, Groveland; Rev. P. A. Fletcher, J. W. Henderson, H. H. Huff, Dr. A. R. Larrick, E. T. Roux, Plant City; Rev. K. Hollister, Fort Meade; J. Edgar Wall, F. D. Jackson, Tampa; Burdette Loomis, Pierce; William P. McDonald, New York, N. Y.

The Founders' Day celebration in March, 1934, brought together many prominent Floridians and made many new friends for Southern. A feature of the occasion was the selection of John S. Taylor, of Largo, as honorary chancellor, the first in Southern's history. This honor was conferred in accordance with an English academic custom, and is to be voted to another individual each year. Among the speakers during the celebration were Bishop John M. Moore, Roger Babson, Harrison Howe, Doyle E. Carlton, former governor of Florida, and R. A. Gray, secretary of state.

A significant phase of life on Southern's campus have been the pre-Easter services conducted an-

nually by President Spivey. These meetings, held each morning for a week, have been attended by all the faculty members and students, and have served to clarify many problems arising in the minds of the students. A forum period for questions, held after each address by President Spivey, has been a stimulating feature.

Pastors of College Heights Methodist Church since Southern's removal to Lakeland have served in the following order: Rev. G. W. Rosenberry, Dr. J. H. Daniel, Rev. H. A. Spencer, Rev. W. K. Piner, Rev. W. M. Mullen and Rev. P. M. Boyd, present pastor. Each of these men has worked in close cooperation with President Spivey to administer to the spiritual needs of the students. Most of the faculty and students attend College Heights Church, and many of them are active workers with definite assignments.

Professor Walter O. Ropp is the oldest faculty member in point of service at Southern. Other faculty members who have served for a long period are Professor George F. Scott, Dr. Robert S. Bly, Dr. S. G. Coe, Dr. Maurice Mulvania, Dr. C. A. Vannoy, Professor Henry G. Barnett, Mrs. Louise Helmkamp, Mrs. Pauline Jernigan and Miss Marguerite Wills.

Carl S. Cox, supervising principal of the Lakeland public schools, who became dean at Southern soon after the institution's removal to Lakeland, served with distinction until two years ago, when he resigned to enter his present work. In recognition of his outstanding service, Southern has conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of education.

Mrs. Ludd M. Spivey, always graciously interested in the welfare of Southern, is known as a college president's wife who contributes much to the social life of the campus as well as to the social and civic activities of the community of Lakeland. Planning and sponsoring many of the most impressive of the college social functions, she has contributed a great deal to the cultural background of the students. The charming hospitality of her home is known to all who have visited there.

#### E. E. EDGE

Hundreds of men and women interested in seeing young people properly educated have done much for Southern. It would be impossible to name all of them here, but it is proper to mention the name of the late E. E. Edge, of Groveland, who passed away on July 11, 1934, at the age of sixty-four. He was an energetic and honest business man, a loyal churchman, an unostentatious and liberal contributor to worthy causes and an exemplary Christian gentleman who inspired admiration, respect and confidence among all who knew him. He gave large sums of money to Southern College, and was a member of the board of trustees many years. His son, L. Day Edge, is also one of Southern's best friends.





Among those present for celebration of Founder's Day in March, 1934 (Left to Right) R. A. Gray, Secretary of State of Florida; J. Edgar Wall, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Doyle E. Carlton, former Governor of Florida; President Ludd M. Spivey; Peter Tomasello, former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Golden Jubilee Commission; John S. Taylor, Honorary Chancellor; Roger Babson, Statistician; Bishop John M. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Harrison E. Howe, Editor of the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry



JOHN S. TAYLOR  
Southern's First Honorary Chancellor, Elected in March, 1934



In Memoriam



E. E. EDGE  
Loyal Trustee of Southern for Many Years

Others who deserve special mention for their loyalty to Southern are L. N. Pipkin, of Mulberry; E. T. Roux, of Plant City; C. L. Johnson, of Lake Wales; Professor C. S. Joseph and his wife, the late Mrs. Louise Reynolds Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Randall, of Orlando; Dr. R. Ira Barnett, of Lakeland, and his father, Rev. R. H. Barnett, of Lakeland, who helped with the founding of Southern.

#### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

As these final pages are being written, President Spivey is making preparations for Southern's Golden Jubilee Celebration, planned for March 10, 11 and 12, 1935, as the most elaborate event in the school's history.

Bishop Samuel Hay, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will begin the celebration with an address at College Heights Methodist Church on the morning of March 10. Peter Tomasello, chairman of the Golden Jubilee Commission and former speaker of Florida's House of Representatives, will speak there that night.

A campus meeting of alumni, other visitors and faculty and students will be held on the campus on the morning of March 11, and a dinner in tribute to President Spivey, who is completing his tenth year as the administrator of Southern's affairs, will be given that night in the college dining room. Members of the Golden Jubilee Commission will

meet on the morning of March 12 to select an honorary chancellor to succeed John S. Taylor and to transact other business in the interest of Southern. A formal ceremony of recognition for the new honorary chancellor is planned for the afternoon of March 12. The procession to this program will include 200 prominent men and women wearing academics. The final event of the celebration will be a pageant that night in the gymnasium, directed by Miss Marguerite Wills. The cast of 300 will present interesting moments in the history of Florida, Florida Methodism and Southern College. Members of the student body have selected Miss Mildred Hunter, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hunter, of Lakeland, to be "Miss Southern," principal character in the pageant.

As the time for the celebration approaches, friends of Southern everywhere are rejoicing that the school has been able to perform such a high service for the young people of Florida through these years. Although Southern still needs much financial aid in order to properly expand and serve a larger number of students each year, friends are hopeful that a greater day is just ahead. Southern has the largest number of friends in its history, and they have faith that the next fifty years will be a period of uninterrupted progress for a splendid institution that has rightfully gained high favor among those in sympathy with the cause of education.





# *Appendix*

GRADUATES





# APPENDIX

## GRADUATES *of* SOUTHERN COLLEGE

1890:

ADDIE W. ABNEY, A.B.  
HENRIETTA ABNEY, A.B.  
HANNAH W. HOPSON, A.B.  
MRS. J. H. HENDRY, A.B.  
LINNIE J. SESSIONS, A.B.  
MRS. GEORGE C. WARNER, A.B.  
MRS. E. K. WHIDDEN, A.B.

1891:

MRS. J. J. KENNEDY, A.B.  
MRS. J. G. STEWART, A.B.  
REV. WILLIAM CLARENCE NORTON, A.B.

1892:

REV. JOSEPHUS P. DURRANCE, B.S.  
REV. HARRY PENNEY, B.S.

1893:

MRS. G. A. KIRK, JR., A.B.  
MRS. H. B. MCCALL, A.B.  
F. VEOLA BADGER, A.B.  
MINNIE L. NORTON, A.B.  
JOHN E. PEPPER, B.S.  
ANNIE L. WALKER, B.S.  
CHARLIE D. WALKER, B.S.

1894:

MRS. H. B. MCCALL, A.M.  
F. VEOLA BADGER, A.M.  
ANNIE L. WALKER, A.M.  
JAMES N. PLATT, B.S.  
REV. E. W. J. HARDEE, B.L.  
REV. JAMES H. OWEN, B.L.  
MRS. B. P. MATHESON, M.E.L.

1895:

REV. JOSEPHUS P. DURRANCE, M.S.  
JAMES N. PLATT, M.S.

1896:

LILLIE M. BADGER, A.B.  
B. F. LOVELACE, A.B.  
W. A. MCLEAN, A.B.

1897:

VICTOR H. KNIGHT, B.S.

1900:

R. IRA BARNETT, A.B.  
FRED T. BARNETT, A.B.  
J. I. HOLLINGSWORTH, A.B.

1903:

W. F. FLETCHER, A. B.  
MRS. GRACE PARKER WALKER, B.M.

1904:

MRS. CHRISSIE CARUTHERS DORSEY, B.M.  
MRS. LAURIE CARLTON HAMPTON, B.M.

1905:

DR. GRACE MILLER, A. B.  
MRS. GRACE PARKER WALKER, A.B.  
MRS. CORRIS KNIGHT SPARKMAN, A.B., B.O.  
MRS. MAUDE MASON BLACKWELL, B.O.  
MRS. INEZ LUCILE JONES WATTS, B.O.

1906:

J. R. BLOCKER, A. B.  
W. G. ROBERTS, A. B.  
MRS. MAE MORROW ADAMS, A.B.  
MRS. MOSS ROSE WALL FREAZE, A.B.  
MRS. BEULAH WILSON BARNETT, A.B., B.M.  
MRS. EDNA McMULLEN KIRKPATRICK, A.B.  
MRS. ALMA CRENSHAW POWELL, B.M.  
HELEN VAN METER TURNER, B.M.  
MRS. LOTTIE LEE LAWTON, B.M.  
MRS. FRANKIE COLE NIX, B.M.  
MRS. LELA McDONALD NEWSOME, B.O.  
MRS. M. E. LEY GUICE, B.O.  
MRS. PAULINE BIGHAM BARKER, B.O.

1907:

D. D. DIEFFENWIERTH, A.B.  
MRS. MATTIE WICKER WILKERSON, A.B.  
FRANCES McMULLEN, A.B.  
MRS. GLADYS BOOTH TUCKER, B.S.  
MRS. MATTIE McDONALD BAILEY, B.S.  
MRS. MAUDE INMAN TURNER, A.B.  
MRS. DAISY WEBB PHILLIPS, A.B.  
MRS. FRANKIE COLE NIX, A.B.  
MRS. FELDA HOPE VINSON, A.B.  
MRS. ROSE McMULLEN BOOTH, A.B.  
T. R. ADAMS, A.B.  
ABIGAIL BARRS, B.S.  
LEROY BOOTH, B.S.  
MANUEL ANDRADE, A.B.  
FRED CASON, B.S.  
CHARLES E. CECIL, A.B.  
HELEN VAN METER TURNER, B.S.  
MRS. LUCILE JONES WATTS, A.B.

1908:

ROBERT V. WILLIS, A.B.  
W. B. DIEFFENWIERTH, A.B.  
MRS. MARTHA CASON WILSON, B.S.  
LOTTIE LAWLER, A.B.  
LOLA LAWLER, A.B.  
MRS. CAROLYN BRYANT WILKINSON, A.B.  
ELVIRA DIEFFENWIERTH, A.B.  
LEROY PIERCE, B.S.  
MRS. M. E. LEY GUICE, B.S.

1908 *continued*

MARY ROBERTS, A.B.  
MARY STEBBINS PHILLIPS, A.B.  
MRS. LELA McDONALD NEWSOME, A.B.  
MRS. DORIS MILLS LINTON, B.M.  
MRS. FERN McPHERSON RANEY, B.M.  
MRS. ROSE McMULLEN BOOTH, B.M.

1909:

CHARLES E. KENSINGER, A.B.  
MRS. EVA BARCLAY McCLELLAN, A.B.  
MRS. ROSA KILGORE TROTTER, A.B.  
BONNIE SOPHIE JOHNSON, A.B.  
LELA CECIL, A.B.  
MRS. FAITH DREW CLARK, A.B.  
MRS. CLARA PETZOLD HANSON, B.M.  
MRS. MOSS ROSE WALL FREAZE, B.M.  
MRS. BESSIE CECIL FRYER, B.M.

1910:

NESTER J. CASTELLANOS, A.B.  
GENEVIEVE DOUTT, A.B.  
OSCAR P. HILBURN, A.B.  
S. WATSON LAWLER, A.B.  
H. CARTER HARDIN, A.B.  
ALTA C. NIBLACK, A.B.  
REBECCA GIST, B.S.  
MRS. GRACE GRABLE SUMMERS, A.B.  
T. MARVIN CECIL, A.B.  
MRS. NORA MORGAN FLETCHER, B.M.  
MRS. ROSA GREER, B.M.  
MRS. ERMA SELLERS FLOOD, B.M.  
MRS. MYRTLE CAMPBELL FOUNTAIN, B.M.  
WINNIE HARTMAN, B.M.  
MRS. FLOY CECIL LANGFORD, B.O.  
MRS. FAITH DREW CLARK, B.O.

1911:

EDNA FUSSELL, A.B.  
GARFIELD EVANS, A.B.  
MRS. ERMA SELLERS FLOOD, A.B., M.M.  
MRS. NETTIE PLUNKETT HULLMAN, B.S.  
A. M. C. JOBSON, B.S.  
J. BEATY GRIFFIN, B.S.  
J. GWYNN PATTERSON  
WINNIE HARTMAN, M.M.  
EDNA FUSSELL, B.M., B.O.  
MRS. MATTIE WICKER WILKINSON, B.M.

1912:

LULA R. GREER, A.B., B.O.  
ALICE J. PETZOLD, A.B.  
JOYCE MANN, A.B.  
DR. ORION O. FEASTER, A.B.  
MRS. JUANITA PIPKIN FEASTER, B.M.

1913:

J. A. TIMBERLAKE, A.B.  
MRS. CORNELIA BRITTLE MILLER, A.B.  
J. H. DANIEL, A.B.  
HERBERT FUSSELL, A.B.  
J. J. BRACCO, B.S.  
MRS. ALMA CECIL DICKINSON, B.M.  
MRS. ETHEL REESE GRIGGS, B.M.  
O. E. RICE, B.O.

1914:

ELIZABETH BOOTH, A.B., B.O.  
W. C. FOUNTAIN, A.B.  
FAIN HOWELL, B.L., B.O.  
MRS. ROBERTA CASON WATERS, B.L.  
MRS. MARY CONRAD WIGGINS, B.L.  
EDDYTH YEATS, B.M.

1916:

S. A. WILSON, A.B.  
O. E. RICE, A.B.  
G. E. SUMMERS, A.B.  
RUTH SEAY, A.B.  
MRS. GERTRUDE SCOTT LEMMON, A.B.

1917:

CLIFFORD BROWN, A.B.  
ELBERT M. STANTON, JR., B.S.  
MRS. MARY CONRAD RIGGINS, A.B.  
MARY EADS, A.B.  
J. Q. HOWELL, A.B.

1918:

E. M. FULTON, A.B.  
PAUL STROTHER, A.B.

1919:

RODNEY C. WILSON, A.B.

1920:

HENRY W. BLACKBURN, A.B.  
MYRTLE ANNIE HUTCHINS, A.B.  
B. J. BREWTON, A.B.  
ARTHUR RIVIERE, A.B.  
KARL H. KOESTLINE, JR., A.B.

1921:

MRS. CHRISTINE STOUT EVANS, A.B.

1922:

EMMA GLENN ALEXANDER, A.B.  
EDITH CARTER, A.B.  
MRS. EUNICE PIPKIN BARNES, A.B.

1923:

FRANK V. CHAPPELL, A.B.  
HUBERT DODD, A.B.  
INEZ FRIDY, A.B.  
THELMA HALL, B.S.  
EUGENIA MASON MEARS, A.B.  
FRANCES DELILAH MITCHELL, A.B.  
ORVILLE SEWELL PALMER, A.B.  
MRS. BERNICE PIPKIN FEASTER, A.B.  
MATTIE CLIFTON PUCKETT, B.S.  
MARGARET TARRER, A.B.  
GEORGE WALKER, A.B.

1924:

ALMA NEWELL BROOKS, A.B.  
A. RONK BUHRMAN, A.B.  
ELLEN CHAPPELL, A.B.  
MRS. VIVIAN LEAVITT DAVENPORT, B.S.  
HESTER DOUGLASS, A.B.  
MRS. FRANCES FOSTER HULL, A.B.



1924 (*continued*)

ELIZABETH KILGORE, A.B.  
KATHRYN MILLER, A.B.  
NETTIE B. PUCKETT, A.B.  
MRS. GLADYS ADAMS SMITH, B.S.  
LOUISE SMITH, A.B.  
MINNIE THALGOTT, A.B.

1925:

MAYME ROSS BORING, A.B.  
JAMES DORIS HURT, A.B.  
VIRGINIA JOSEPHINE JONES, A.B.  
LESLIE IRVING LEMASTERS, B.S.  
MARY ELIZABETH MAHONEY, A.B.  
ALEXANDER A. MILLER, JR., A.B.  
MARJORIE RUTH MITCHELL, A.B.  
MARY LEIGH PALMER, A.B.  
VIDA LETITIA SKIPPER, A.B.  
VIRGIL LYTE TOWNSEND, A.B.  
DOLLIE TRASK, A.B.  
ELLEN NARCISSA WATSON, A.B.  
ANNIE JULIA WESSINGER, A.B.  
HOLLIS DEERING WESTFALL, A.B.  
IRA EUSTACE WILLIAMS, A.B.

1926:

RAE BUTERBAUGH, A.B.  
JANETTE CLARKE CROSBY, A.B.  
EURA LEE DURRANCE, A.B.  
JULIA DOROTHY FUNK, A.B.  
MARY CATHERINE HALL, A.B.  
MARY LOIS KERSEY, A.B.  
MARY CAROLINE NELSON, A.B.  
ALBERT LOVE SMITH, A.B.  
GERTRUDE SMITH, A.B.  
WILBUR DEMAND STAATS, A.B.  
GENEVIEVE STARCHER, A.B.  
LAWRENCE VALENTINE SWANSON, B.S.

1927:

LUCILE FRANCIS GODMAN, A.B.  
EVELYN BELLE BRIDGES, A.B.  
LAMAR LOUISE CURRY, A.B.  
SAMUEL ALSTON BANKS, A.B.  
EDITH HUMPHREY SCALLY, A.B.  
ANNA KATHERINE GILKEY, A.B.  
ROBERT EUGENE SMITH, A.B.  
NETTA CAMPBELL GRACEY, A.B.  
ROY McAFEE LOTT, A.B.  
EVELYN WAGER, A.B.  
MINNIE MAE SWEAT, A.B.  
ELOISE HARKNESS CARY, A.B.  
MARY GATEWOOD PULLIAM, A.B.  
ROBERT DAVID MITCHELL, A.B.  
AUDREY JOSEPH CROSBY, A.B.  
VIRGINIA RUSSELL PUCKETT, A.B.  
JOHN BERNARD MILLER, A.B.  
MARY ELIZABETH HAWLEY, A.B.  
ELLIS PARK GREENE, A.B.  
VEDA WATSON, A.B.  
MABEL ALVAZINE YOUNG, A.B.  
JOSEPH AUGUSTUS TOLLE, B.S.  
MARGARET ELLIOTT PARDEE, B.S.

WILLIAM EDWARD BUHRMAN, B.S.  
LEONARD SAMUEL FOSDICK, B.S.  
JAMES DEWEY SPOONER, B.S.

1928:

DOROTHY STRICKLAND, A.B.  
MILDRED BUCK, A.B.  
ALICE COLBERT, A.B.  
C. DWIGHT BONHAM, A.B.  
CHARLES KING, A.B.  
HAZEL FENNELL, A.B.  
ADELINE DUGAN, A.B.  
AULDON DUGAN, A.B.  
CHARLES FULTON, A.B.  
MARGARET GILKEY, A.B.  
JESSIE HEATH, A.B.  
PAULINE ISBELL, A.B.  
MARY RUBY JOHNS, A.B.  
LAWRENCE KLINTWORTH, A.B.  
GARDNER MCPHERSON, A.B.  
LOUISE OVERTURE, A.B.  
BEATRICE PICKARD, A.B.  
JAMES POTEET, A.B.  
CLIFFORD POWELL, A.B.  
HETTIE BELLE REDDICK, A.B.  
MARGARET ROBSON, A.B.  
HELEN BIGGS SHROEDER, A.B.  
LOLA TRAMMELL, A.B.  
MARK ST. CLAIR, A.B.  
WILLIAM TAYLOR, A.B.  
KATHERINE TILLER, A.B.  
HARRIS G. SIMS, A.B.  
CORR HENDERSON, A.B.  
CLARA LOUISE SPIVEY, A.B.  
ROBERT L. TOLLE, B.S.  
MARGARET TAYLOR, B.S.  
THOMAS WILLIAMS, B.S.  
LENORE ELLIS, B.S.  
LOIS BELCHER, B.S.  
MERLE FENNELL, B.S.  
IOLA FORD, B.S.  
MAE McDONALD, B.S.  
MYRTLE McDONALD, B.S.  
ROY HAGUE, B.S.  
FREDERICK HAEFLINGER, B.S.

1929:

CHRISTINE YOUNG, A.B.  
ANNIE BELLE AKINS, A.B.  
KENDALL TOLLE, A.B.  
NELL ALEXANDER, A.B.  
FRANK ANDERSON, A.B.  
RUTH BAUM, A.B.  
HELEN BILLINGSLEY, A.B.  
HAMILTON BOULWARE, A.B.  
HERMAN BRASWELL, A.B.  
EVELYN CLARK, A.B.  
RUBY McINTOSH, A.B.  
CATHERINE CRAMER, A.B.  
FRANCES CRUMP, A.B.  
AMANDA DAVIS, A.B.  
SARAH DICKINSON, A.B.

1929 (*continued*)

RUSSELL DUGAN, A.B.  
WALTER GODBOLD, A.B.  
JOY ELLIOTT, A.B.  
LOUISE ENGLISH, A.B.  
KATHRYN GOODWIN, A.B.  
FRANCES GREITHER, A.B.  
MARVIN HARRISON, A.B.  
HARVEY HARDIN, A.B.  
HERBERT WASSON, A.B.  
CALE KELLAR, A.B.  
PAULINE JERNIGAN, A.B.  
VIRGINIA LESLEY, A.B.  
JESSE JONES, A.B.  
ETHEL WOODHAM, A.B.  
EDNA LOCKHART, A.B.  
HELYNN MANLY, A.B.  
LILLIAN MCCALL, A.B.  
AMELIA POWELL, A.B.  
FAYETTA MCPHERSON, A.B.  
EDITH MILLER, A.B.  
DONALD MCQUEEN, A.B.  
LONNIE MILEY, A.B.  
MAZIE PEDDY, A.B.  
RUTH PIPKIN, A.B.  
TAYLOR REESE, A.B.  
RUSSELL RITTGERS, A.B.  
DORIS ROBERTS, A.B.  
IRENE ROBERTS, A.B.  
MORITA SAGE, A.B.  
HELEN SCALLY, A.B.  
SUE SHIVERS, A.B.  
DONNIE SKINNER, A.B.  
WALTER SPOONER, A.B.  
CORNING TOLLE, A.B.  
OWEEN SUMNER, A.B.  
ETHEL TILLIS, A.B.  
HARRIETT TOWSLEY, A.B.  
NELLIE WEBSTER, A.B.  
EVELYN WILSON, A.B.  
ESTHER DELEGAL, A.B.  
WILLIAM DAVID MOSLEY, B.S.  
IRMA COATES, B.S.  
LOUELLA POPE, B.S.  
WILLIAM HARKER, B.S.  
JAMES MAJOR, B.S.  
CYRIL ROU, B.S.  
MILTON SPIVEY, B.S.  
DRUID WILSON, B.S.  
BEE SWINSON HUGHES, A.B.  
ROSA JONES, A.B.  
ETOILE REID, A.B.  
THELMA ROLLINS, A.B.  
SUZANNE WILHELM, A.B.  
F. M. WILLIAMSON, A.B.

1930:

WINNIE FARLEY, A.B.  
GERALD KNOFF, A.B.  
FORREST HEDDEN, A.B.  
EVERETT BABCOCK, A.B.  
LERLIN BARRETT, A.B.  
FRED CADE, A.B.  
DOROTHY COOPER, A.B.

DAVIS DABOLL, A.B.  
MURIEL GORMAN, A.B.  
JOE HARDIN, A.B.  
AMBROSE HOLMES, A.B.  
CARLYLE HUSKEY, A.B.  
DAN JENKINS, A.B.  
ELTON JONES, A.B.  
WILLIAM JONES, A.B.  
GLADYS LAYNE, A.B.  
EVA LEATHERWOOD, A.B.  
FRANKIE MAJOR, A.B.  
COLLINS MITCHELL, A.B.  
GRACE MURRELL, A.B.  
LILLIAN MORRIS, A.B.  
MATTIE PATTON, A.B.  
ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, A.B.  
ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, A.B.  
HANNAH PHILLIPS, A.B.  
ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER, A.B.  
CLARA MAE SIMPSON, A.B.  
EDWIN SPRING, A.B.  
MABEL TILLIS, A.B.  
VERA TRUE, A.B.  
JOHN TURNER, A.B.  
LOIS VETTER, A.B.  
MARY WATSON, A.B.  
ELIZABETH WATTS, A.B.  
LEDLEY WEAR, A.B.  
THELMA WILLIS, A.B.  
GERALD WILSON, A.B.  
CATHERINE YOUNG, A.B.  
MABLE SWOPE, A.B.  
VESTA TURNER, A.B.  
JOHN TAYLOR, A.B.  
KENNETH REED, B.S.  
GARLAND RICE, B.S.  
CATHERINE BUHRMAN, B.S.  
LUCILE MCQUEEN, B.S.  
E. D. ROU, B.S.  
MARTHA TOLLE, B.S.  
HARTLEY BLACKBURN, A.B.  
CLARIBEL CASON, A.B.  
PHILEMON E. HEAD, A.B.  
MILDRED PERRY, A.B.  
EDWINA PICKARD, A.B.  
LUCILE DANDER BELL, A.B.  
PETER ANDERSON BLATE, A.B.  
CATHRYN MARGARET BOSTICK, A.B.  
LUCILE BOURN, A.B.  
SARAH DOROTHY EZELL, A.B.  
ROGER D. GILES, A.B.  
PATRICIA JONES, A.B.  
MARY L. MARTIN, A.B.  
NANCYE OLA MCCAGHREN, A.B.  
CHARLES VAUGHAN MCCONNELL, A.B.  
JUANITA SMITH MURROW, A.B.  
MARJORIE JOSEPHINE STEELE, A.B.  
ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD, A.B.  
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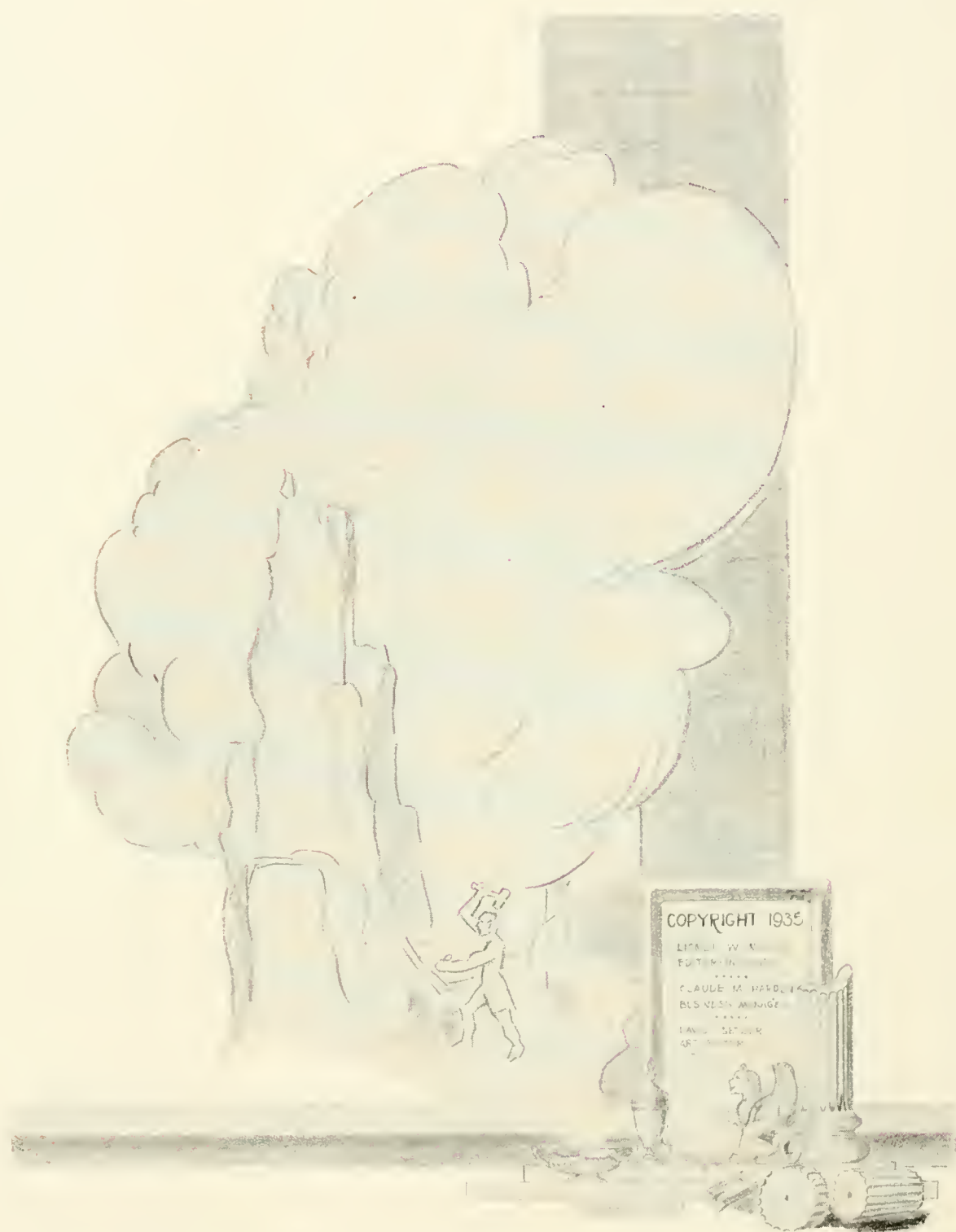
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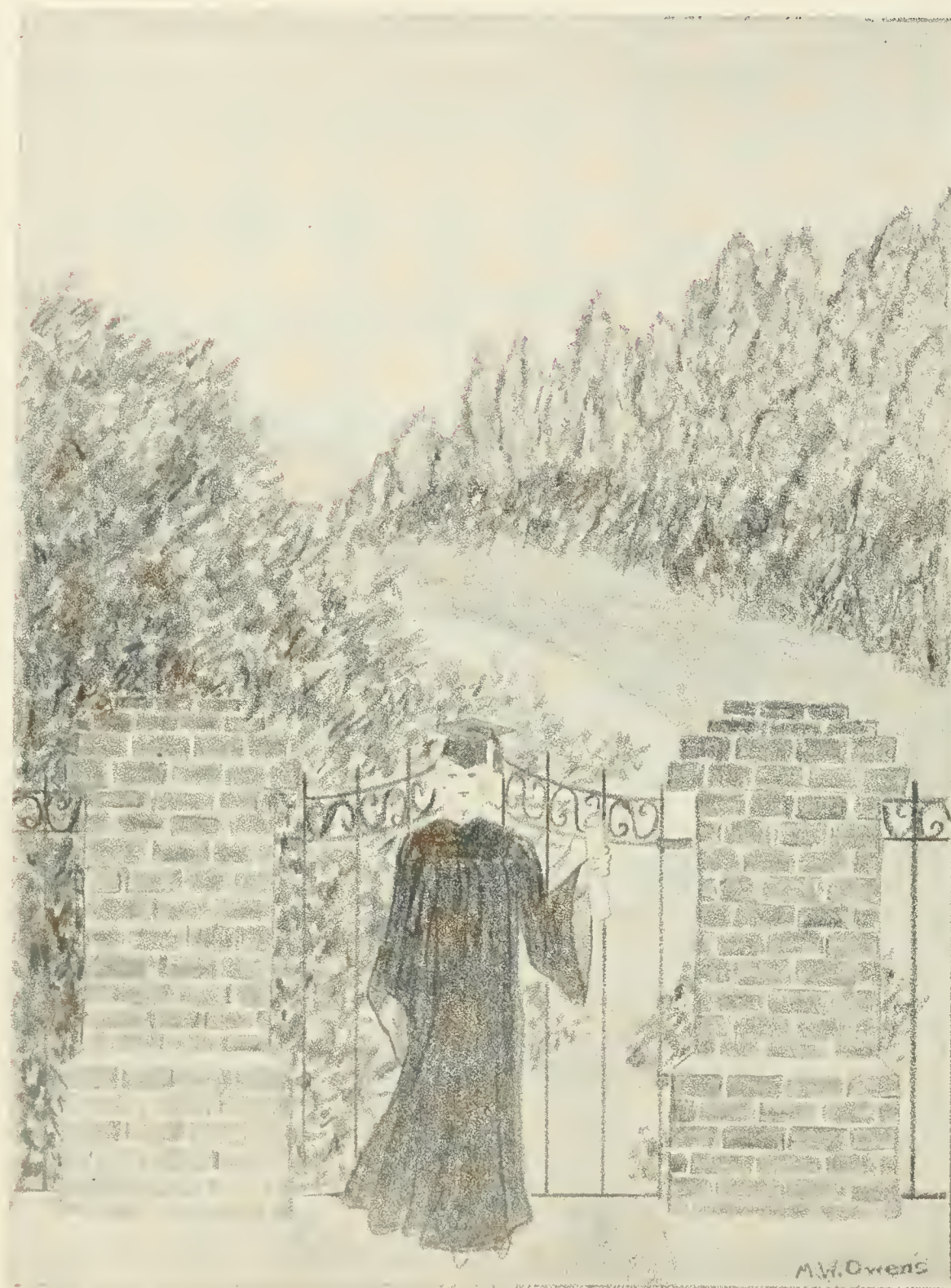


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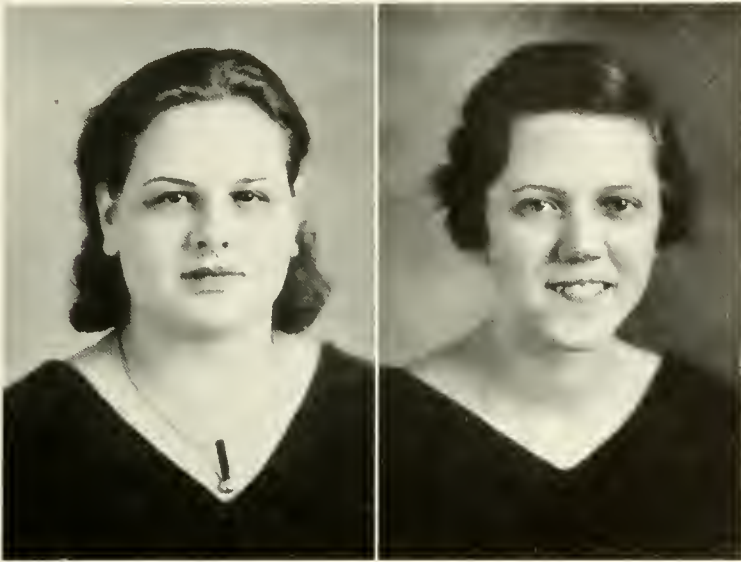
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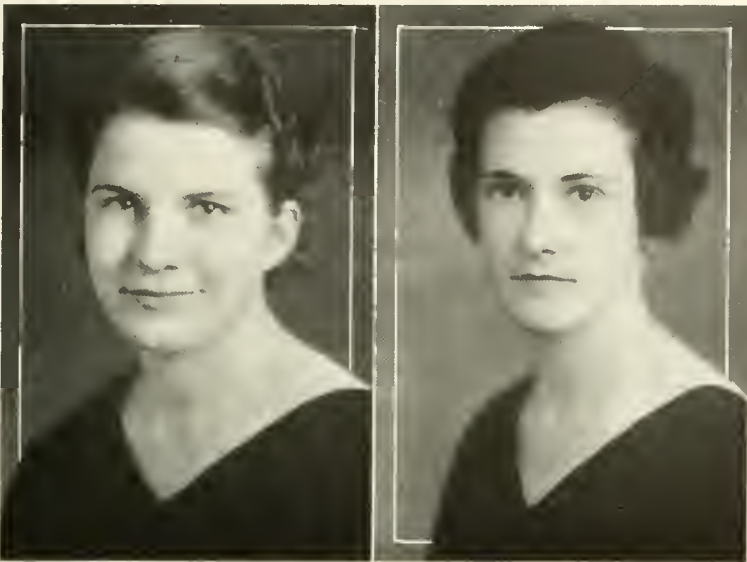
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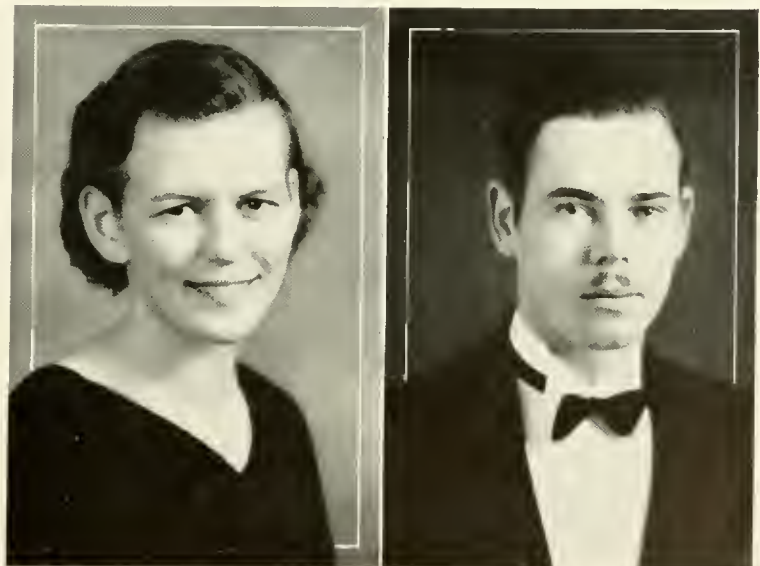




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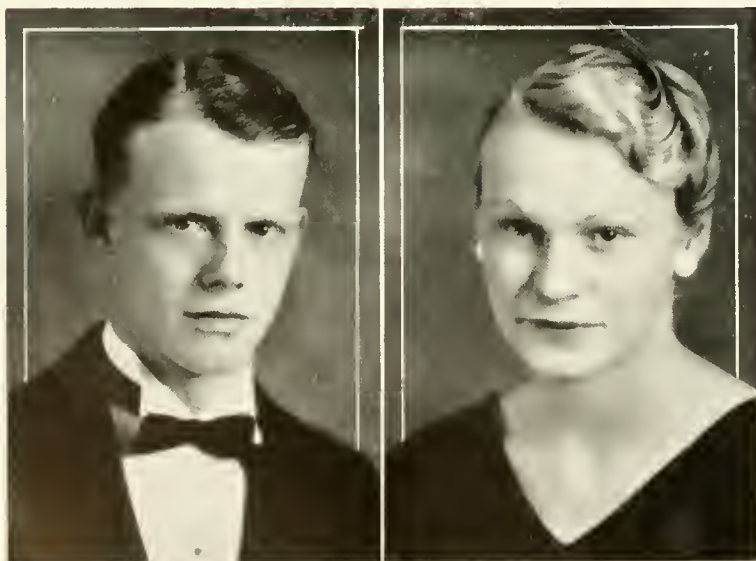
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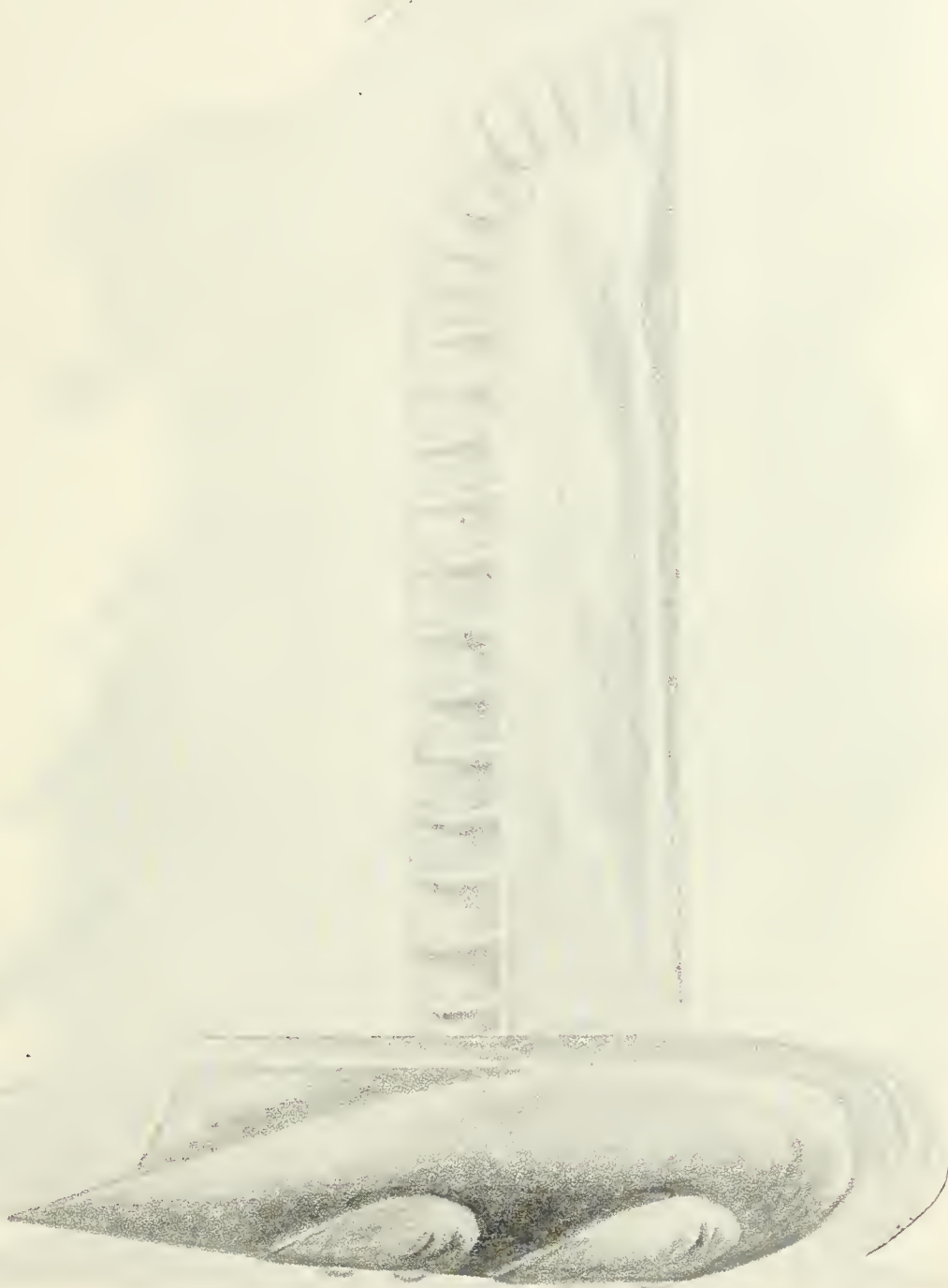


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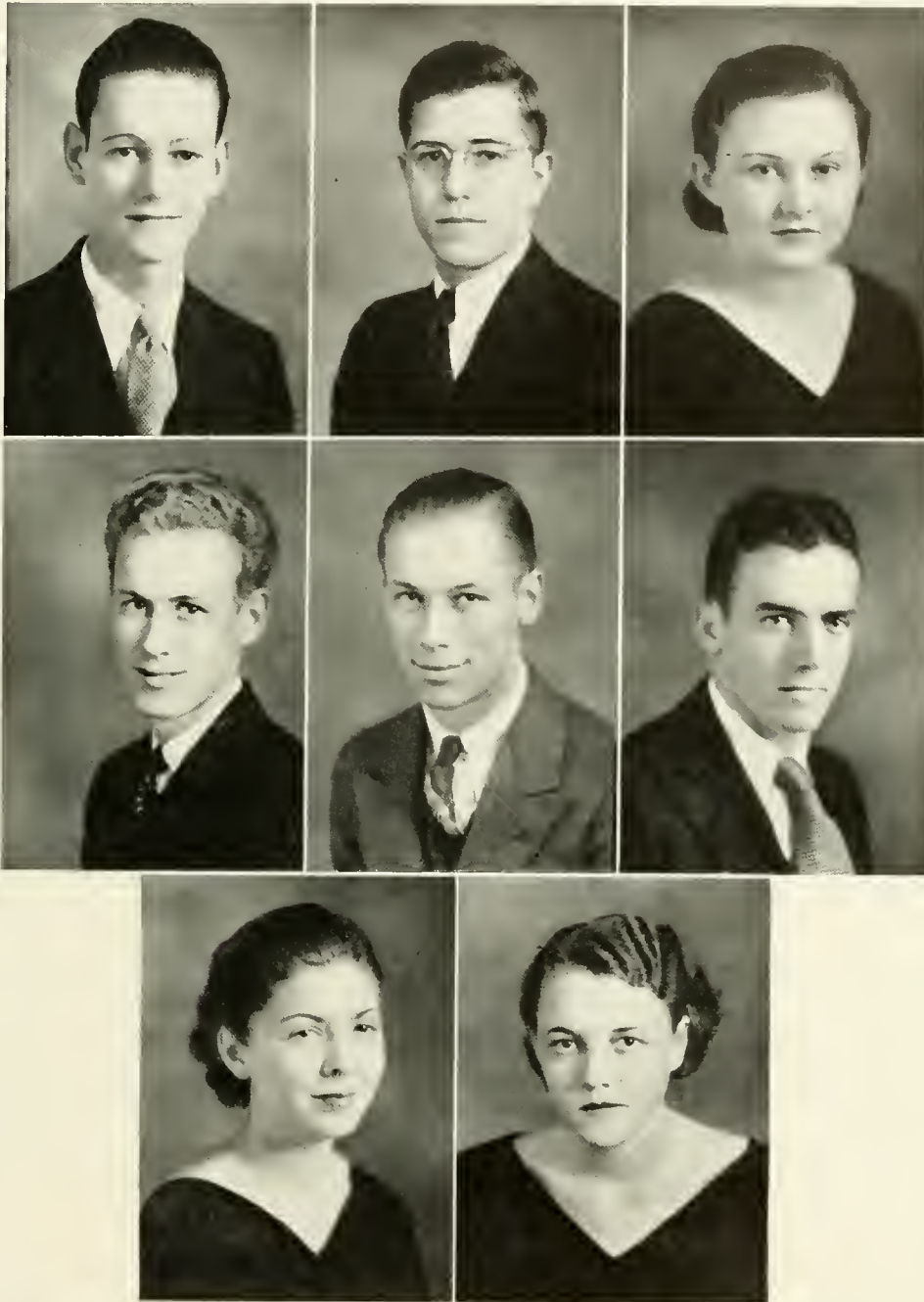


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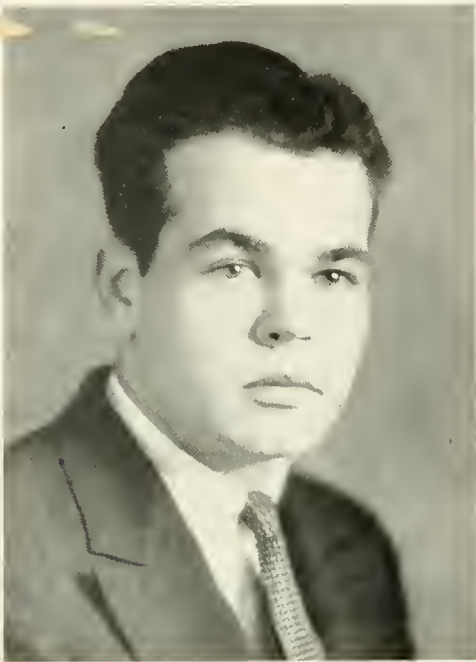
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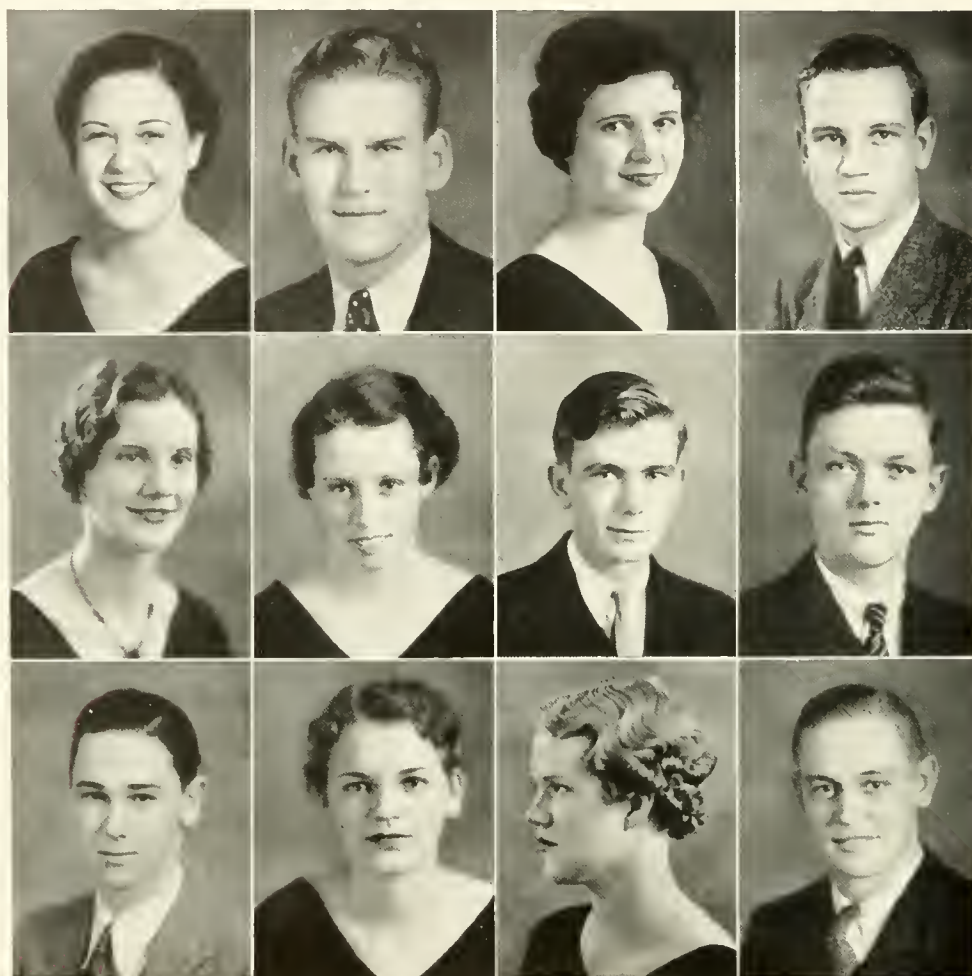


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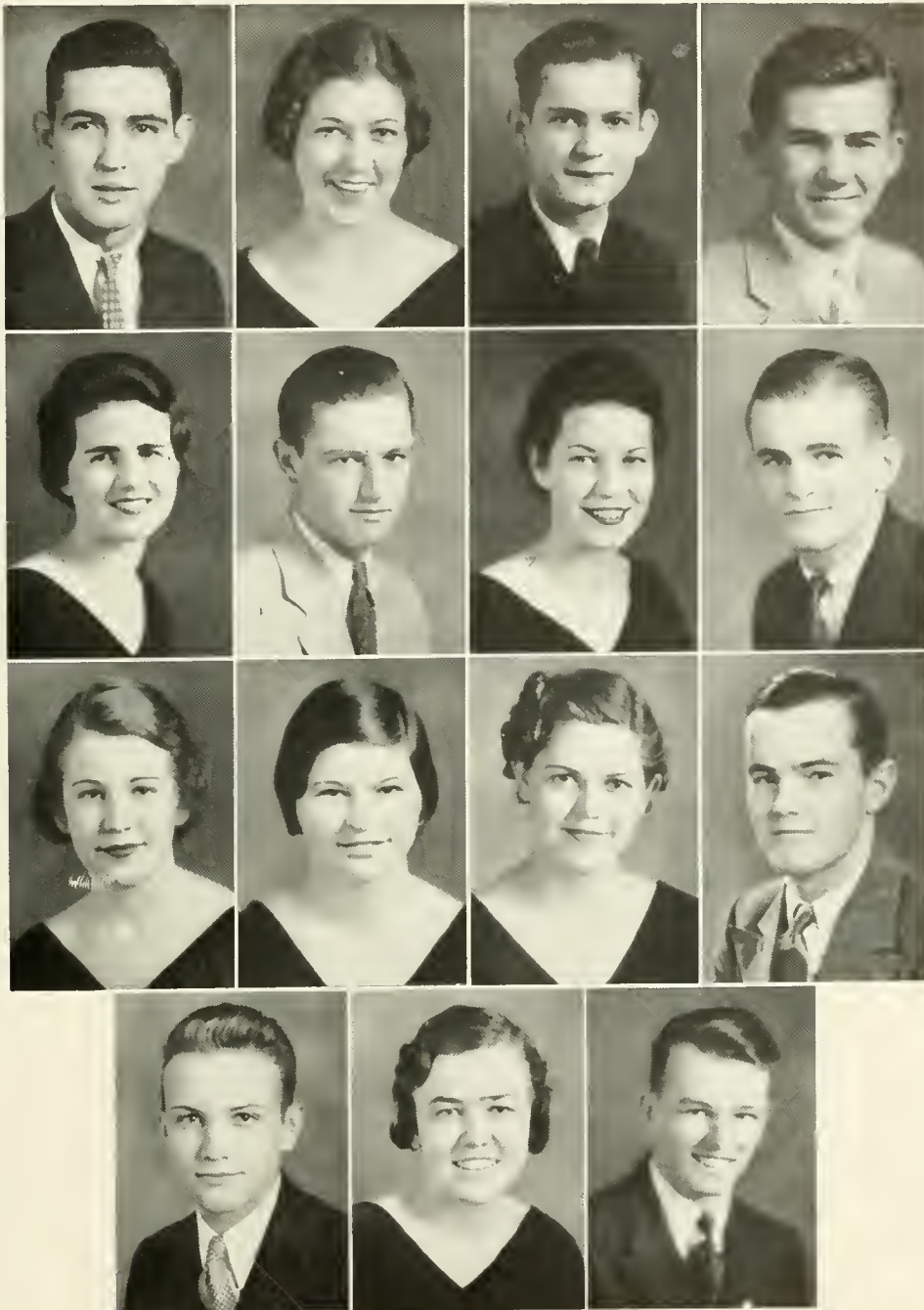
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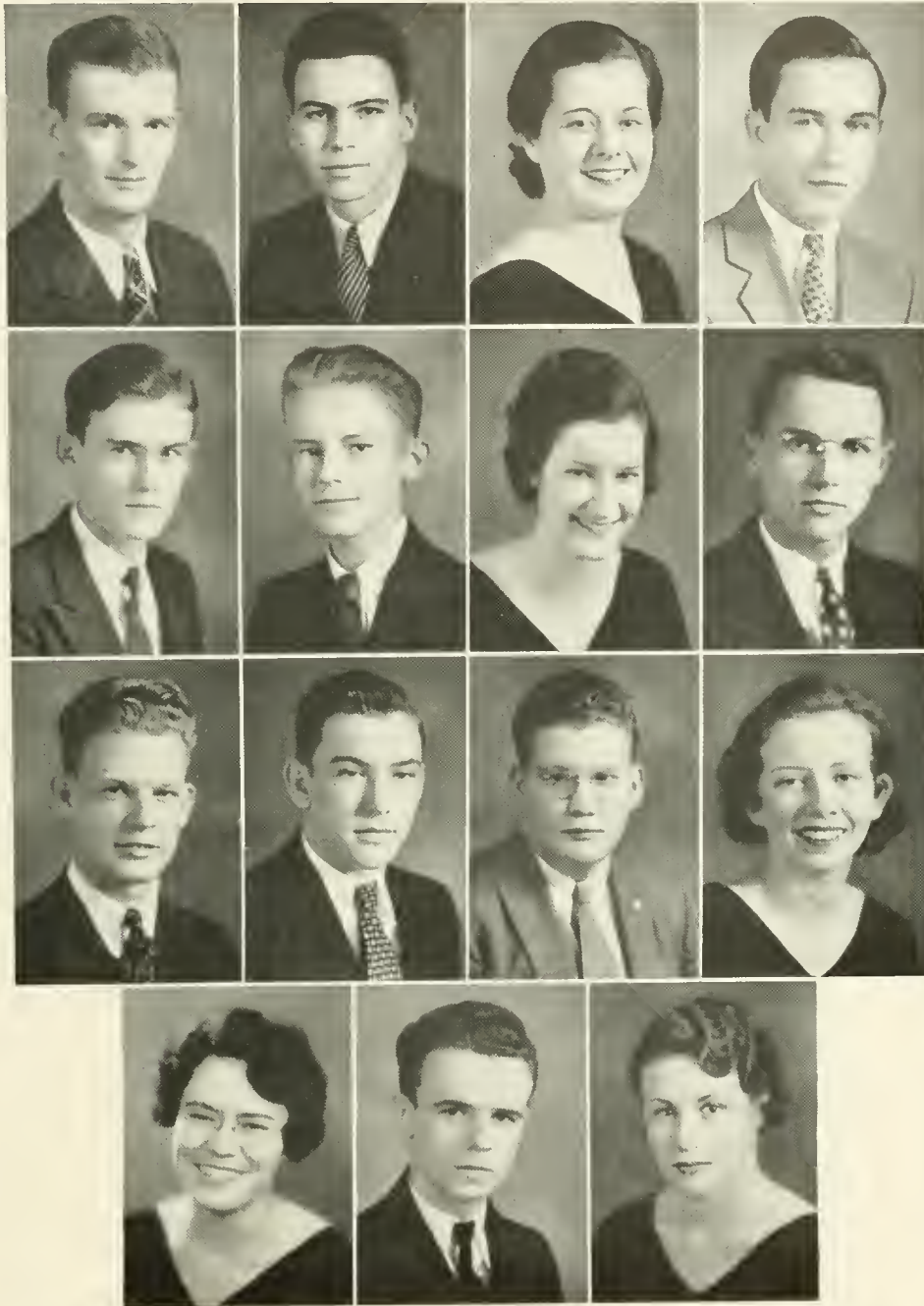


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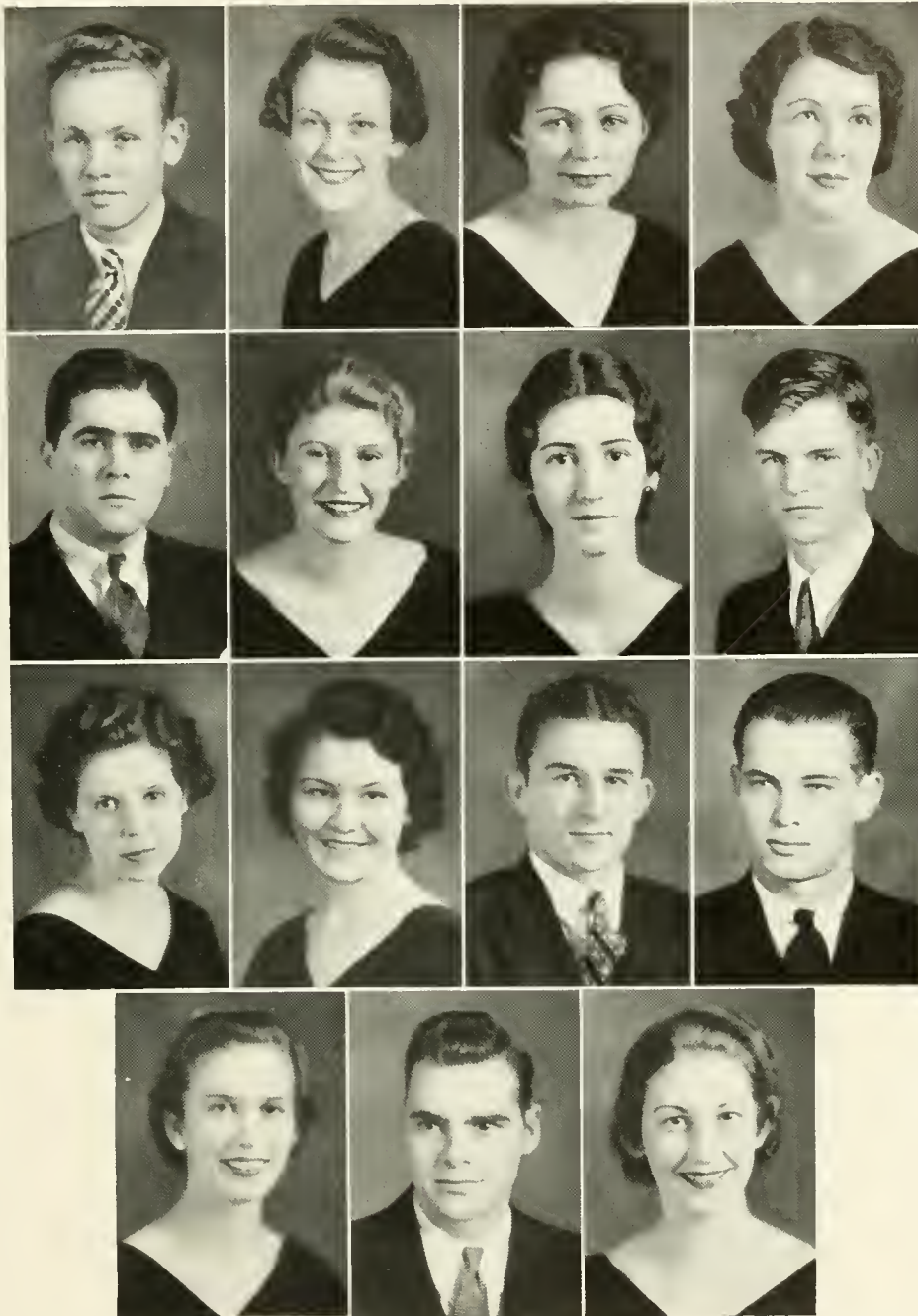
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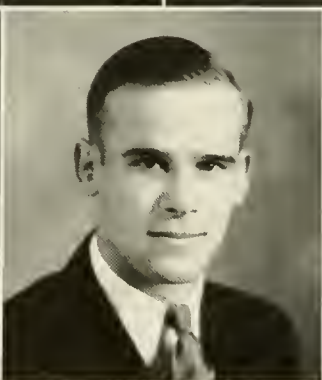


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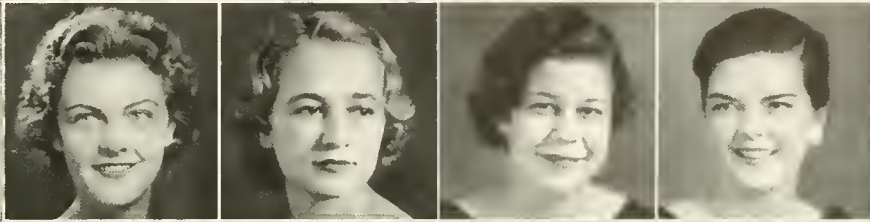
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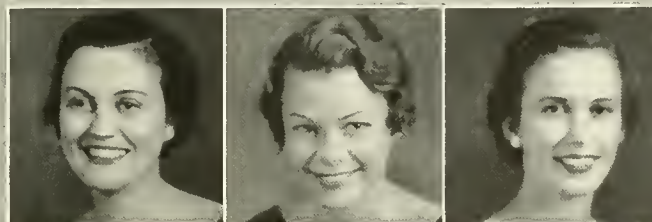
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Founded in 1925  
Colors, Gold and White  
Flower, Chrysanthemum



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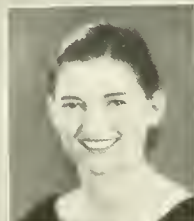
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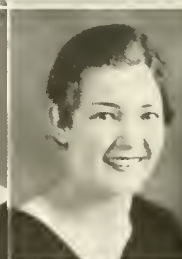
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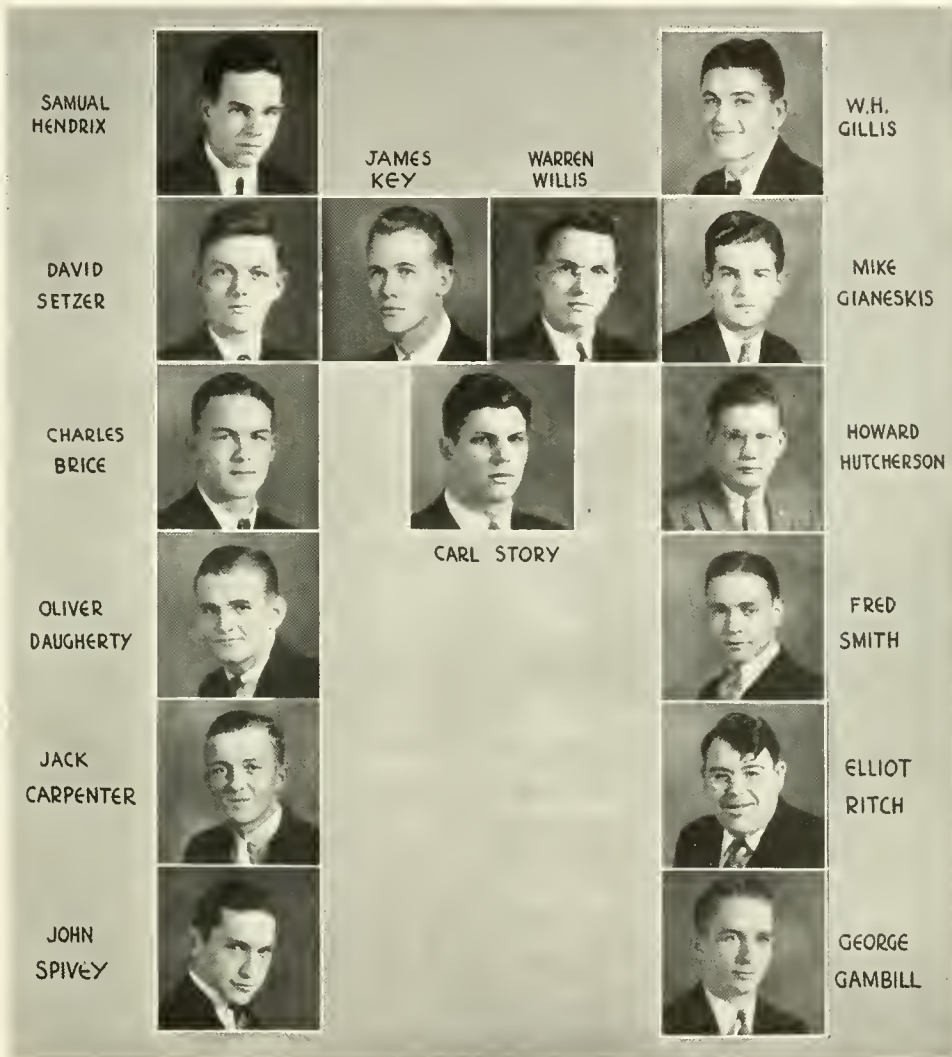
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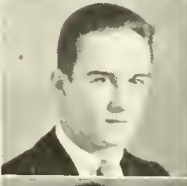
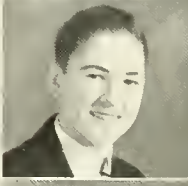






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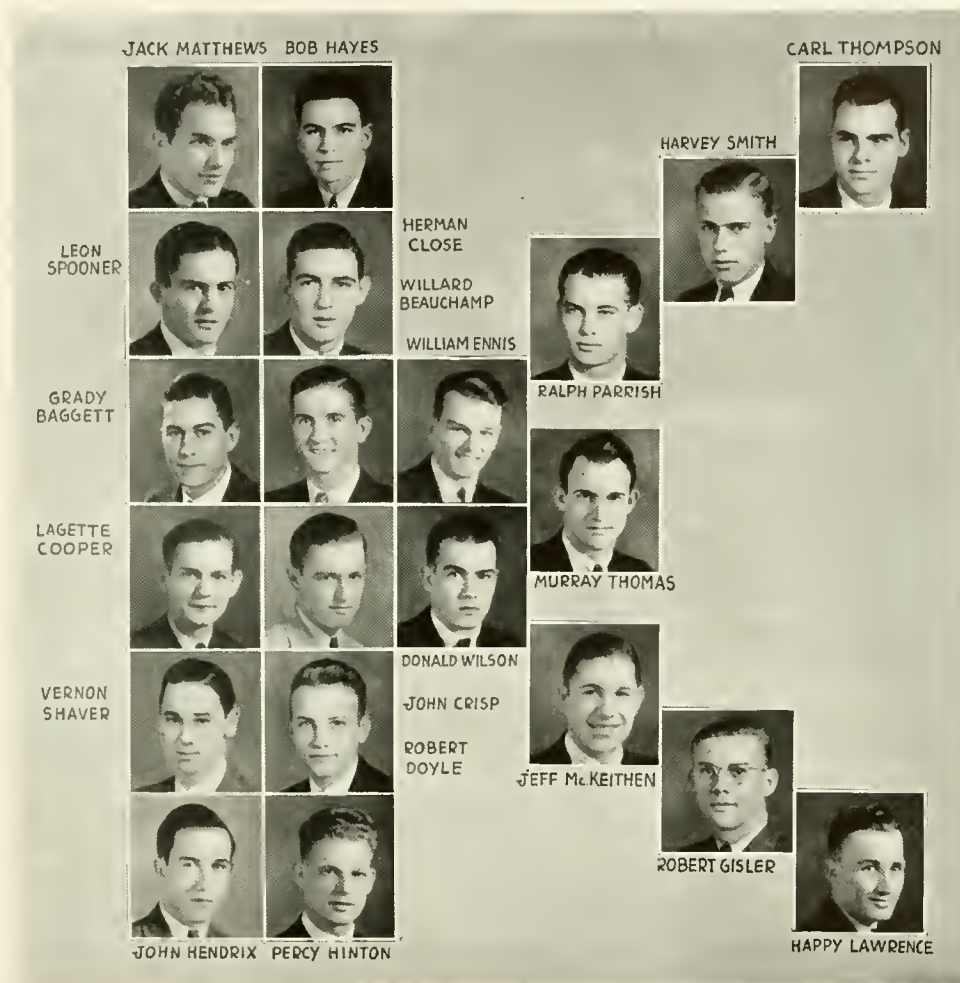
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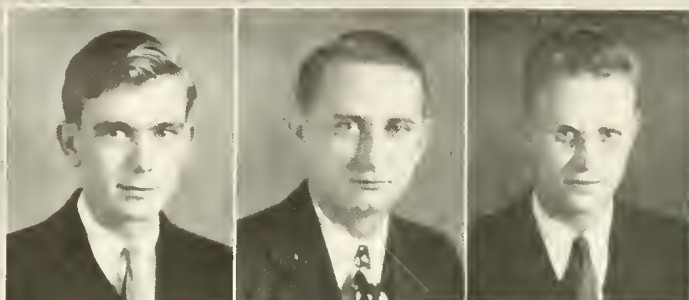
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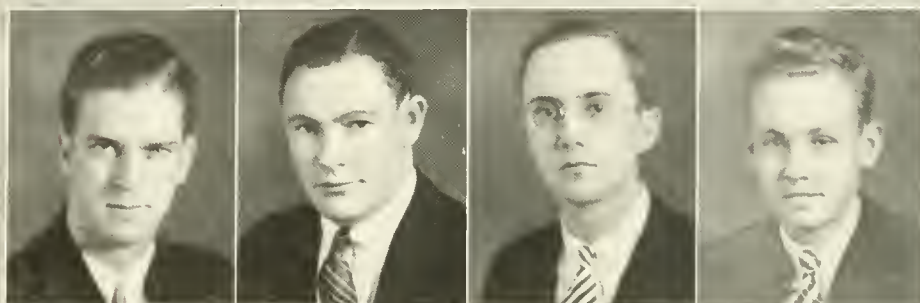
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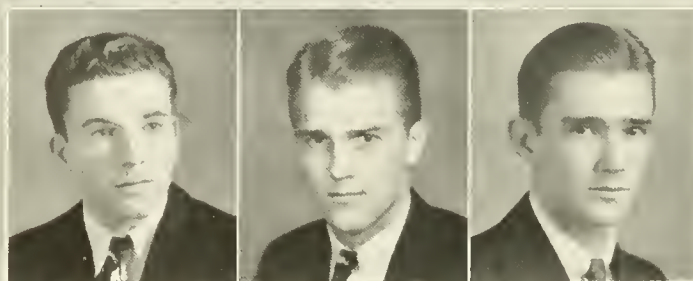
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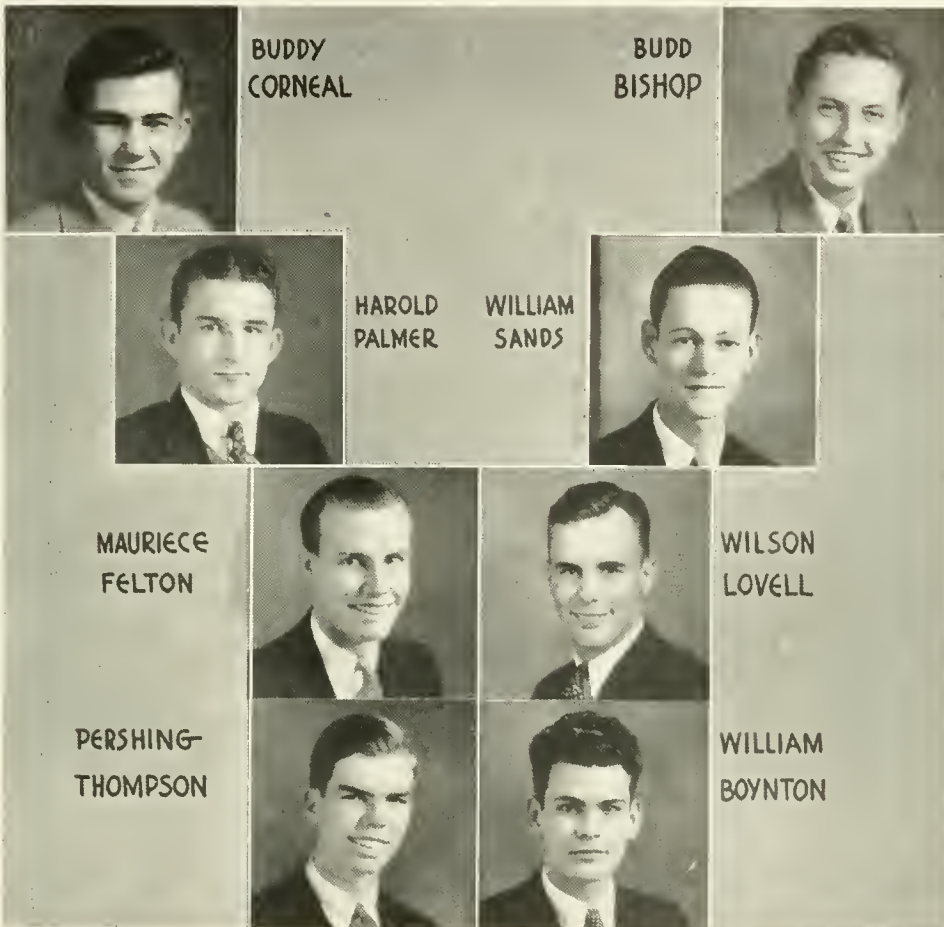
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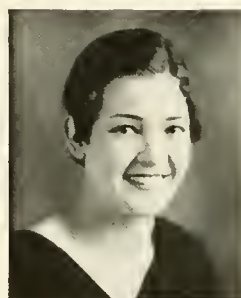


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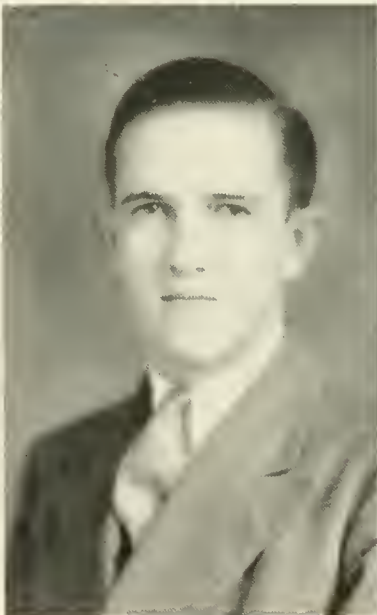
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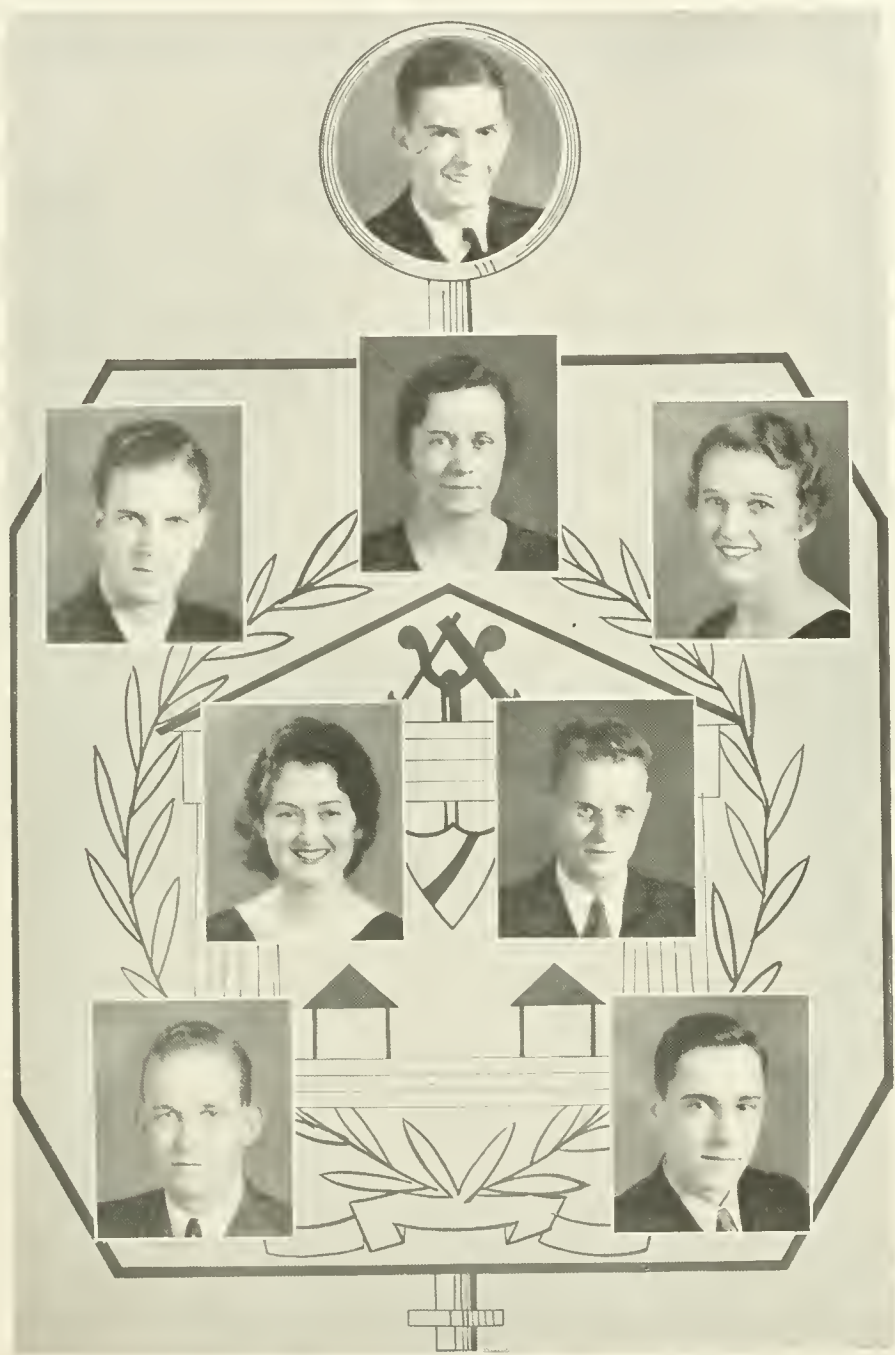
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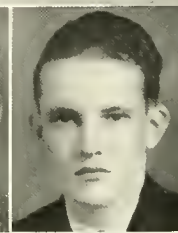
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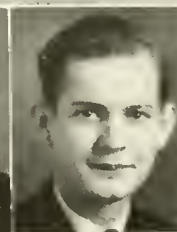
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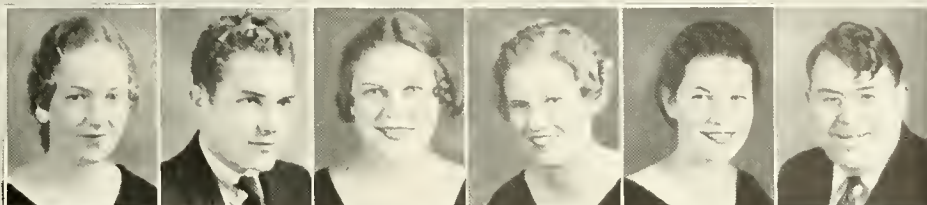




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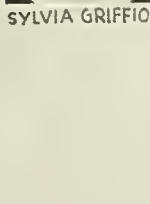


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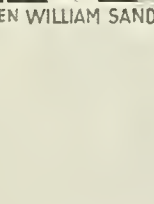
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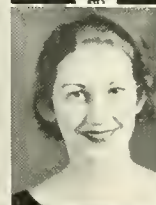
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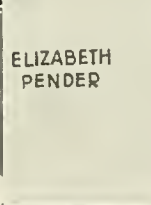
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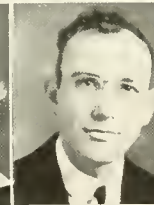
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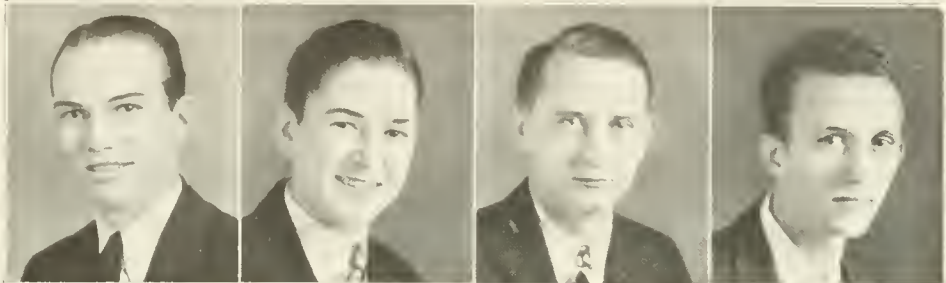


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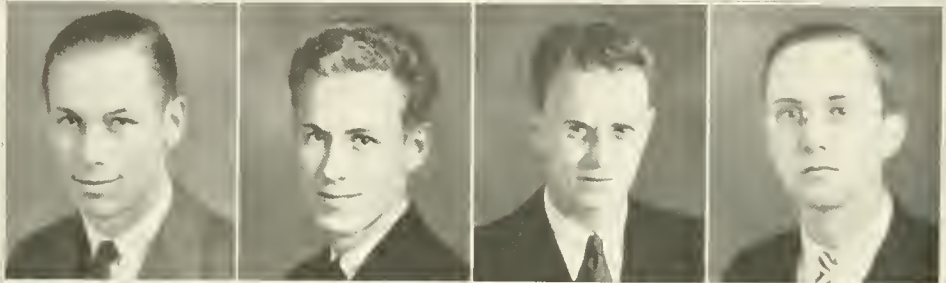


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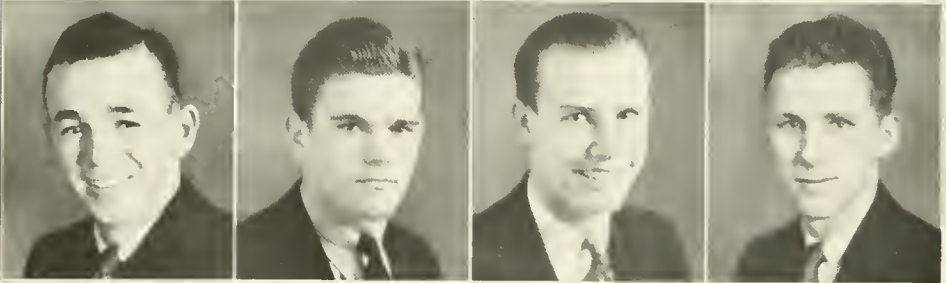
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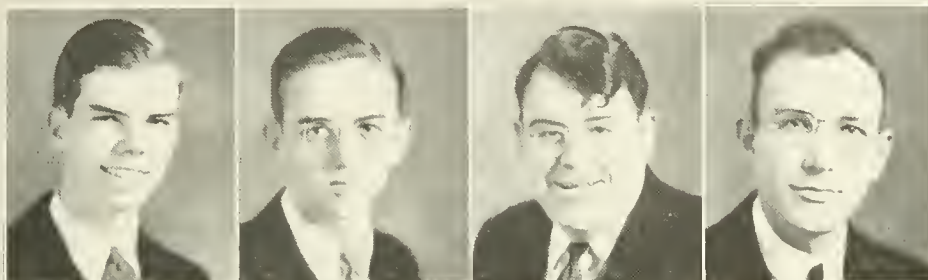


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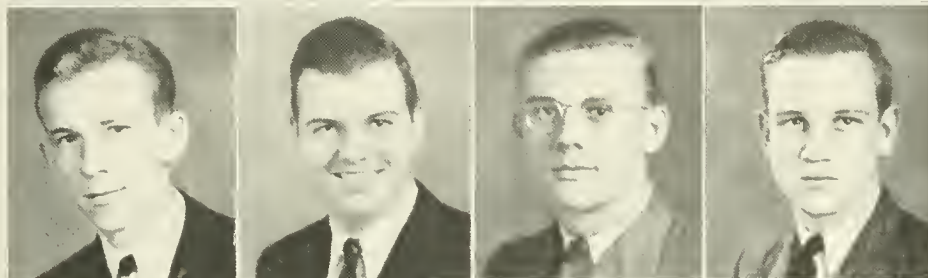


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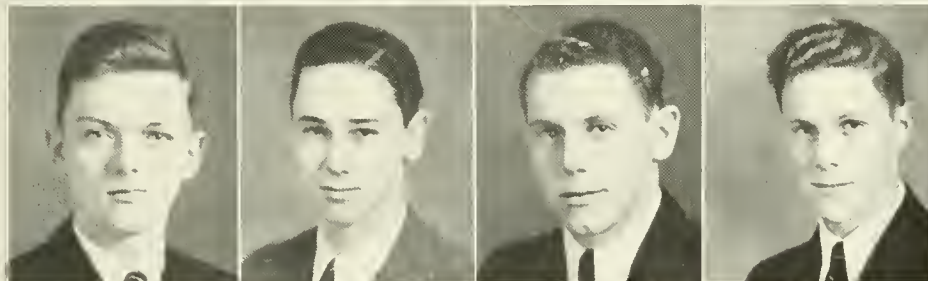
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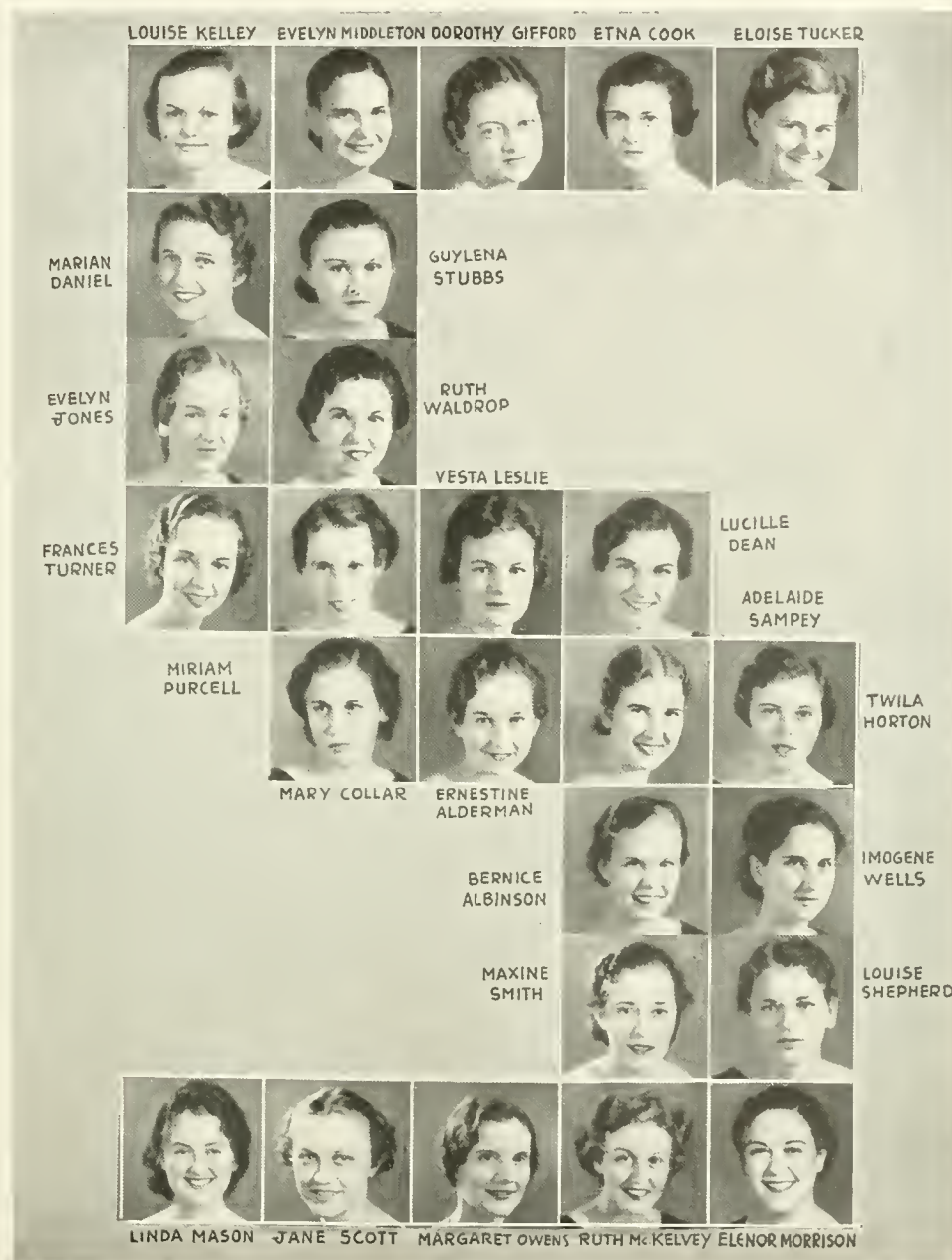
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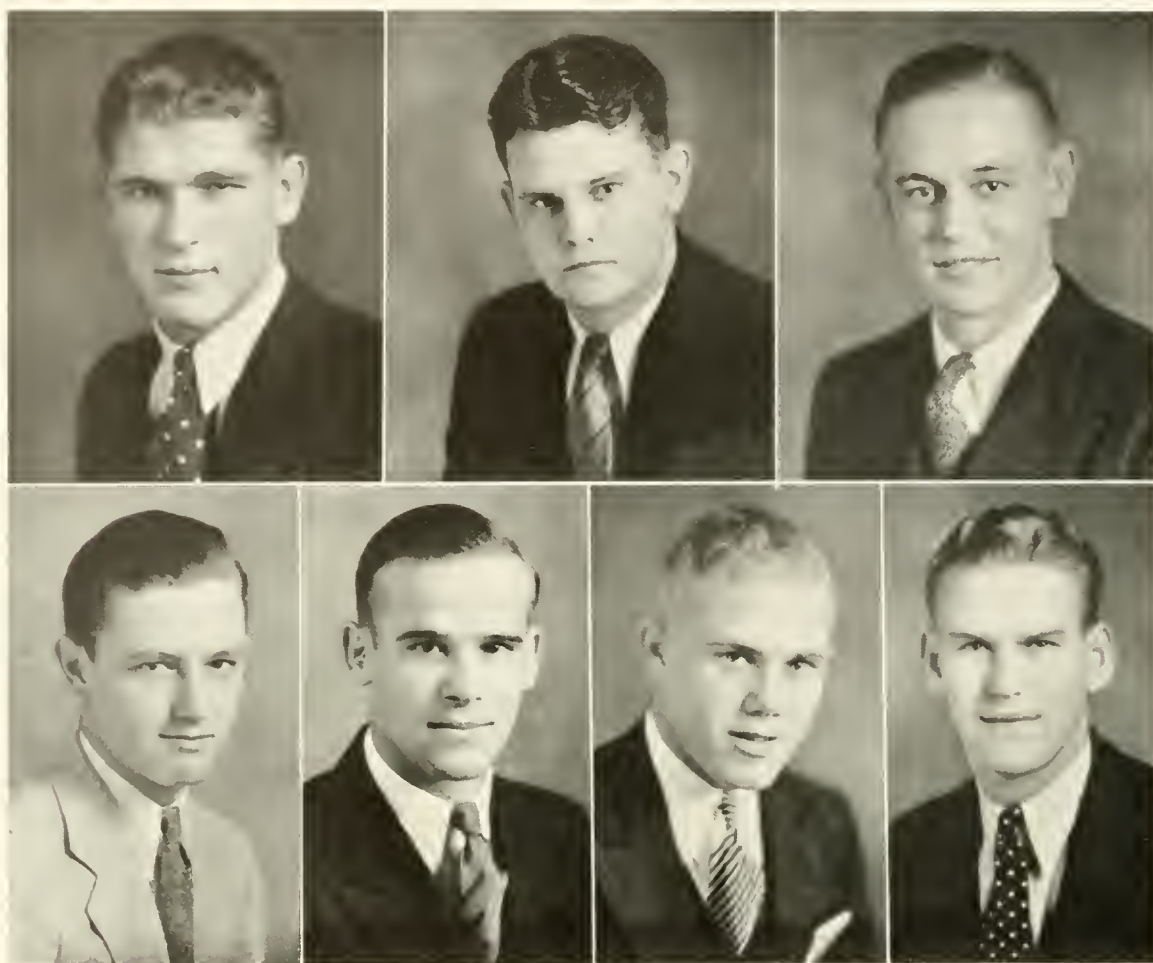
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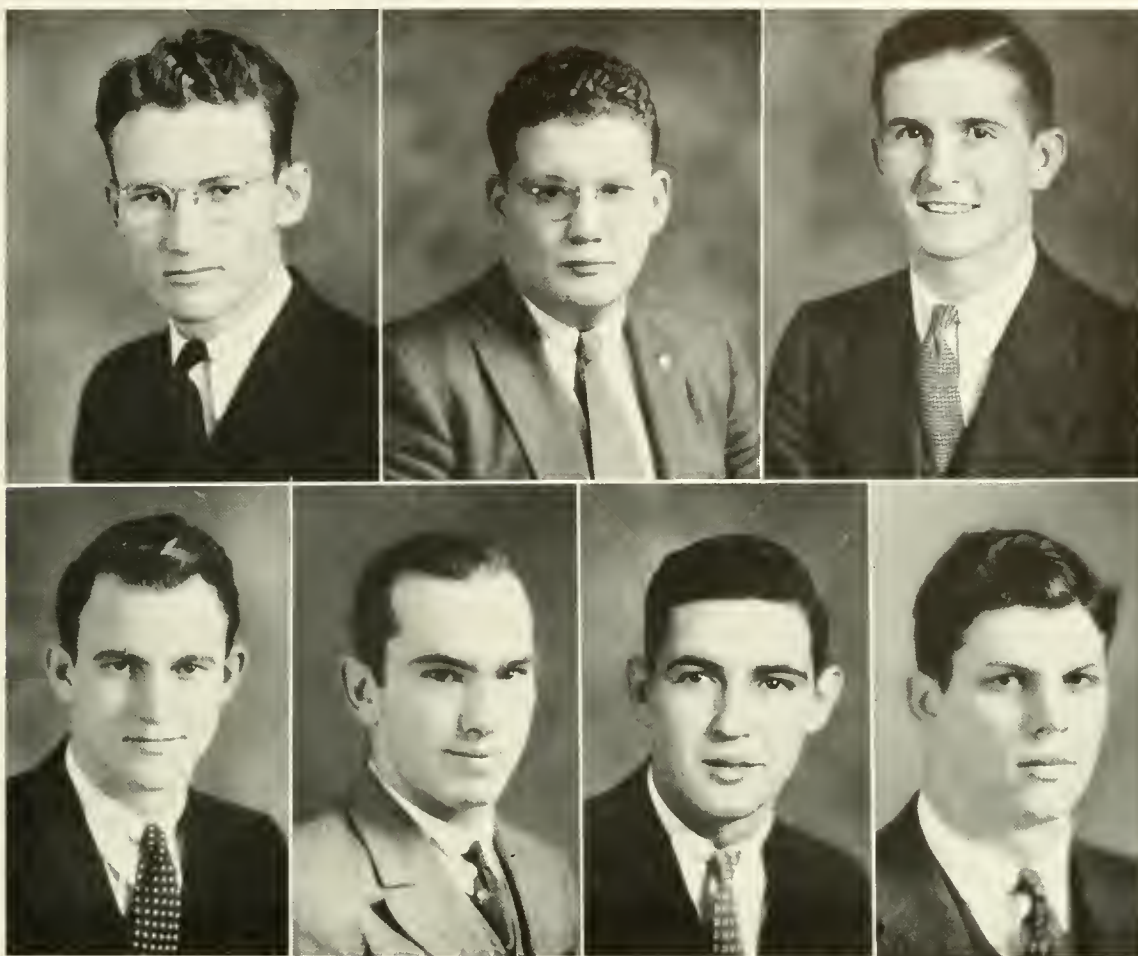
JAMES RICE, Coach WALTER WOOLFOLK, EUGENE SMITH  
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**A**LTHOUGH at first glance Southern's football record this season was anything but bright, it gave fans a promise of real performances to come. Against the brand of competition that was placed in their path this year, the Moccasins turned in a creditable showing as compared with the more seasoned opposition.

This, the Golden Jubilee year, finds the Blue and White colors once more represented on the intercollegiate gridiron with Walter Woolfolk, former Moccasin, as mentor. Woolfolk started the season with a great crowd of former high school stars, most of them freshmen. Only four upperclassmen were numbered among the group.

Of the squad which gave of their best against teams that far outweighed them and boasted of much more experience, certain members wrought for themselves especially noteworthy records. Oliver Daugherty galloped from one end of the field to the other and on into nation-wide newspaper headlines when he returned a kick-off 105 yards in Southern's first game of the season against Bowdon college, at LaGrange, Ga. Oliver never again got away for so spectacular a feat, but continued such fine work at the fullback position that he was chosen of the first-string team selected at the end of the year by sports writers and coaches from the small colleges of Florida.

## FOOTBALL



HALLEY LEWIS, HOWARD HUTCHERSON, WILLARD BEAUCHAMP  
MURRAY THOMAS, MARVIN ALTMAN, HERMAN CLOSE, CARL STORY

Jimmie Rice, half-back, was responsible for much of the Moc's yardage. Other backs who distinguished themselves for both offensive and defensive play were Edwin Bowman, full; John Crisp, full; Edwin Carter, quarter; W. H. Gillis, quarter; Willard Beauchamp, quarter; Marion McInnis, half; and Jim Fulton, full.

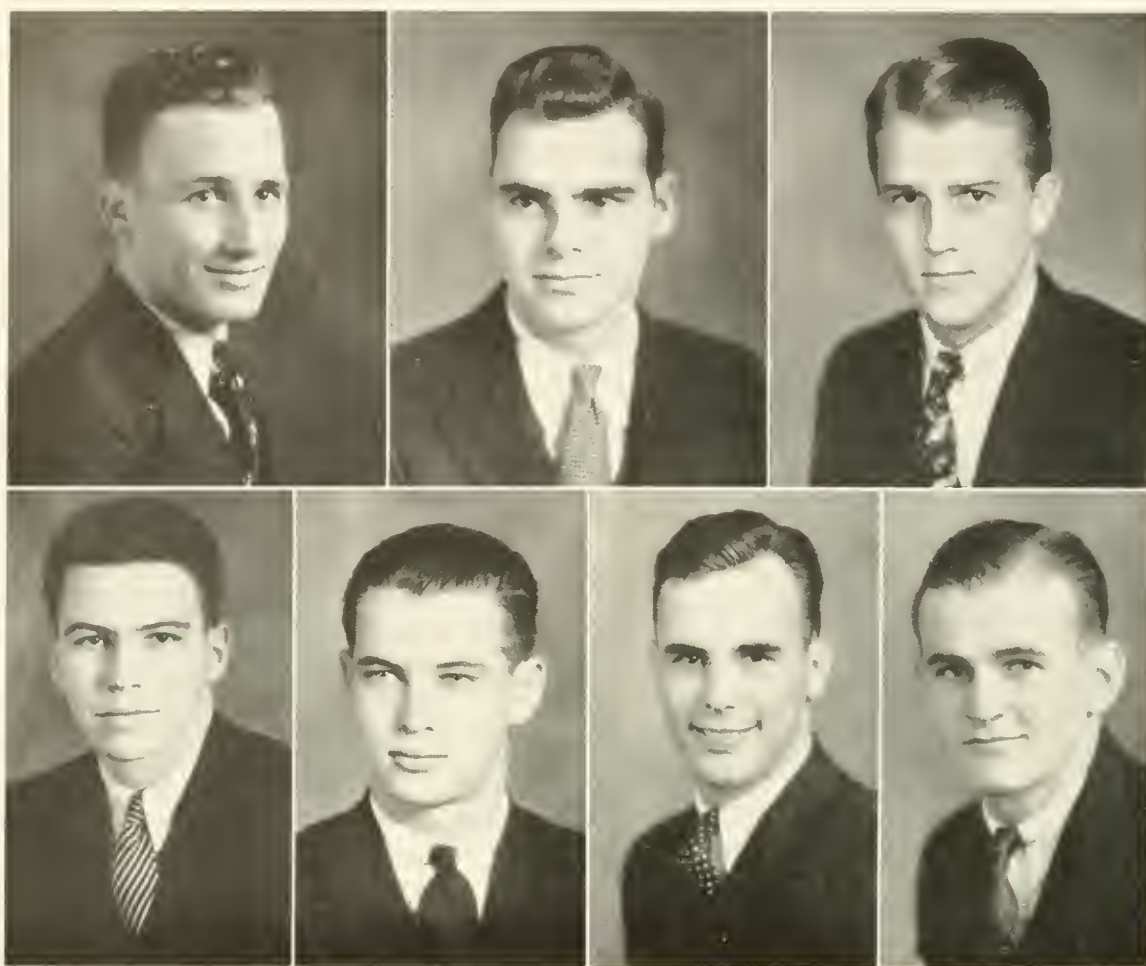
The Mocs had a light but scrappy line, with Marvin "Doc" Altman at the pivot position. "Doc" was co-captain with McInnis and did some noble work as a snapper-back. Those of his fellow laborers in the vanguard who earned special cheers were Carl Thompson, end; Herman Close, end; Charles Brice, guard; and Lige Knight, end.

The pack of yearlings were given their first taste of college football in the game with Bowdon. The Southern freshmen ran wild and racked up 24 points while holding the Georgians scoreless. Daugherty's extra-length touchdown scamper put this game before the eyes of the nation.

The first state competition saw the Miami Hurricane send the Moccasins home on the short end of a 26 to 6 score. Coach Woolfolk's charges held the upper hand with the only score of the game until the last quarter, when a sudden splurge netted the Hurricane markers and handed the East Coast boys the decision.



## FOOTBALL



HAPPY LAWRENCE, CARL THOMPSON, ALTON TEW  
BOB HAYES, RALPH PARRISH, WILSON LOVELL, OLIVER DAUGHERTY

Playing the first home contest against an outfit from the University of Tampa that outweighed them seventeen pounds to the man, the Mocs lost, 13-2. Southern's pair of points was garnered when, after having battled their way down the field, the home lads lost the ball on downs within the shadow of the enemy portals, and the Spartan center tossed the ball into the end zone.

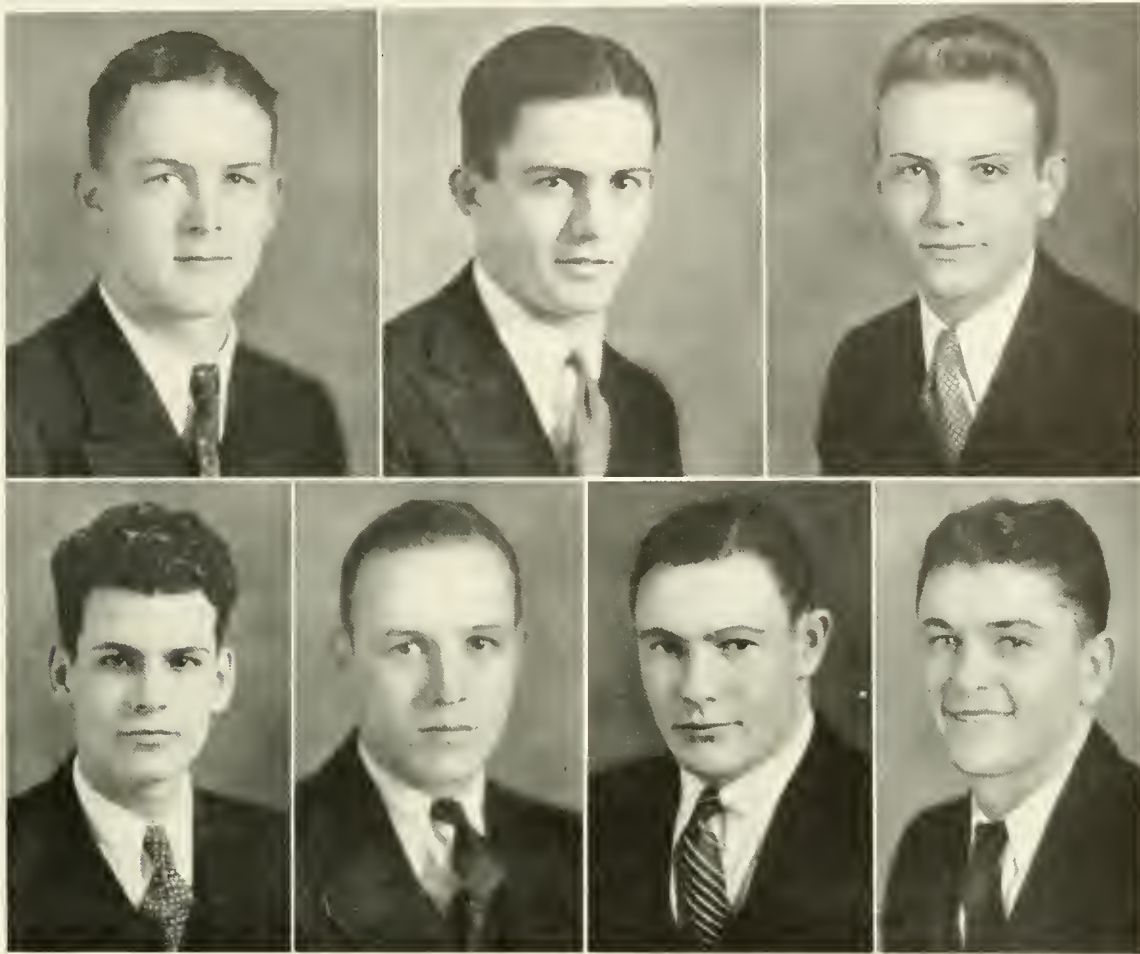
Under the floodlights at Orlando, the Mocs next met the University of Rollins Tars and outplayed them in every branch of the game in midfield, but were unable to shove the ball across the final stripe. The Tars meanwhile counted two touchdowns and a safety for 15 points. Four times Coach Woolfolk's men broke past the ten-yard line, but each time were turned back by a stubborn defense.

Southern's homecoming celebration was a success in everything but the football score. A record gathering turned out to see the Moccasins clash with their ancient enemy, the Stetson college Hatters from DeLand. A strong wind played havoc with the Blue and White's passing attack, and the heavier visitors rolled thrice down the field with power plays to chalk up 19 points to a goose-egg for the locals.

At Bartow, a hard and long running South Georgia State Tiger galloped away with many long treks that just balanced the efforts of the angry Moccasins who coiled and



## FOOTBALL



CHARLES BRICE, LEON SPOONER, BOB DOYLE  
BILL BOYNTON, BOB FULTON, DALLAS WEEKS, DUB GILLIS

struck frequently. The score was 12-point tie. State pulled the first score with a concentrated drive against a tough blue-jersied line. Woolfolk engendered a bit of pep into the team between halves, and they went out to rush across two touchdowns. The hill-country boys got their second wind, however, and came back to knot the count. Southern was on the way to the deciding tally when the game ended.

Returning to Lakeland for the final home stand, the Mocs were repulsed by a one-point margin in a great effort against a team of behemoths from Appalachian college of Boone, N. C. In a night battle the visitors emerged with a 7 to 6 victory.

Rain that turned the football field in Demorest, Ga., into a mire made the pigskin too slippery to pass with any degree of accuracy, and the Mocs went down fighting in their last college game of the season, 13 to 6, before a Piedmont college eleven.

At the conclusion of the season, several members of the team faced an All-Star aggregation in Lakeland and were shoved under 18 to 6.

The loss of but one man by graduation should bid for a strong team next season. A new band of recruits will add to the power of the squad and a good year is forecast for the 1935 Moccasins.

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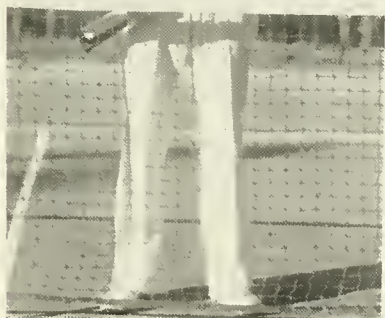


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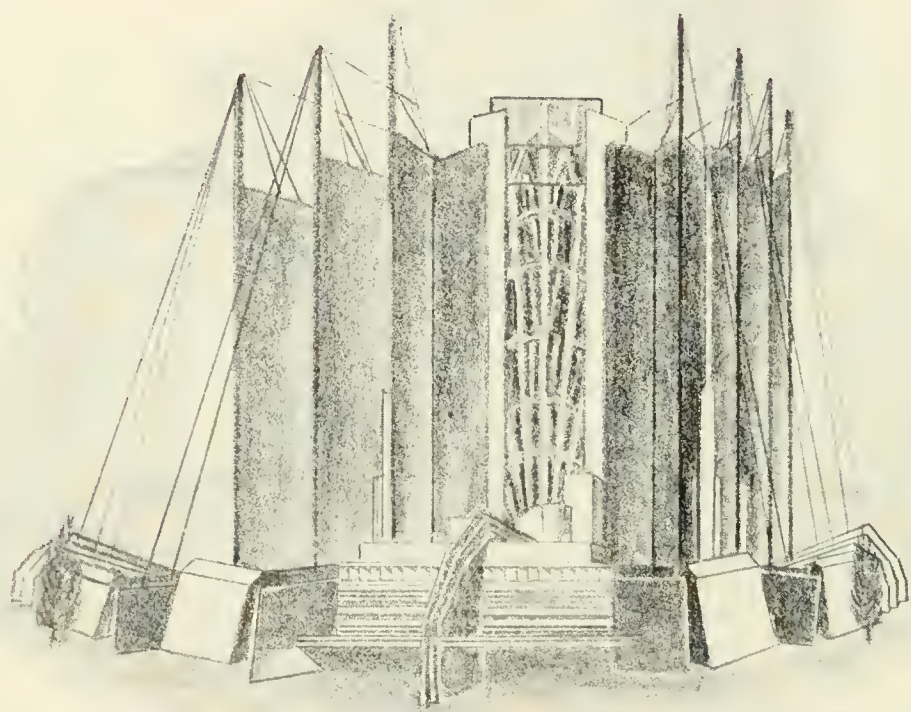


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